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SALEM

Entertainment countdown under way

Grand finale will include balloon drop at the Kent City Center Auditorium

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

New Year's Eve Salem will have its own version of the celebration at Times Square, with a grand finale and balloon drop at the Kent City Center Auditorium beginning at 11 p.m. and ending after midnight.

Performers from the different venues will gather together and do short sets, culminating with the balloon drop and the singing of Auld Lang Syne, a New Year's Eve standard anywhere.

The evening begins, though, with six different venues catering to the discriminating tastes of the revelers, whether they prefer rock 'n roll, bluegrass, country, gospel, folk or family style with a little magic and ventriloquism. Model train lovers and people with a penchant for the past also have venues to visit.

Tickets remain on sale for \$8 each or children 10 and under free when accompanied by a ticket-bearing adult. Veterans can also get free admission. Ticket outlets include Salem Giant Eagle, Salem Community Center, Salem Chamber of Commerce, all Salem banks, and the Salem Historical Society.

The Kent City Center Auditorium rock 'n roll venue

on Lincoln Avenue opens at 6 p.m. Monday with the Sugartree Alley steel drum band, followed by Beatles tribute band Abbey Road with local member John Gilbert, and special guest, World War II veteran Robert Zelenak, at 7 p.m. and Abbey Road again at 9 p.m. The Tribute Band featuring local longtime rocker Randy Strader, his sons Jeff and Brandon and grandson Mike Chestnut will perform at 8 and 10 p.m. Stormn Normn will take the stage between sets.

The bluegrass and country music venue at the Masonic Temple on East State Street also kicks off at 6 p.m. with Allegheny Drifters, who will perform again at 8:30 p.m., followed by local popular country artist Zach Paxson at 6:50 and 9:20 p.m. and the Stockdale Family Band at 7:40 and 10:10 p.m. Paxson has a following and the Stockdale Family has performed at New Year's Eve Salem all nine years.

The Episcopal Church of Our Savior, also on East State Street, will feature gospel and hymns, with the new group, the Loving God Quartet at 6 and 8:30 p.m., Linda Sigismondi and Bill Schilling and folks at 6:50 p.m., God's Quad at 7:40 and 10:10 p.m. and local singer Ted Thorne at 9:20 p.m.

The Memorial Building will be the site for the children's venue, featuring the Jason Alan magic show in the gym at 5:30 p.m., ventriloquist Daniel Jay at

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New Year's Eve Salem

- When: 4:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 31.
- Admission: Adults, \$8 at venues; children 10 and under free with a paid adult. All food at additional cost.
- Tickets sold at: All Salem area banks, Salem Giant Eagle, Salem Historical Society, Salem Community Center, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Venues include: Dinner and snacks, children's activities, historical display and reception, model train display, musical performances including bluegrass, folk, Gospel and rock & roll.
- Information: Call 330-817-6NYE (6693); visit: www.newyearsevesalem.com; email: info:newyearsevesalem.com

Over the cliff: Soft or hard landing?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to save the nation from going over a year-end “fiscal cliff” were still in disarray as lawmakers returned to the Capitol to confront the tax-and-spend crisis. A tone-setting quotation was Democratic Sen. Harry Reid’s assertion that the House under Republican Speaker John Boehner had been “operating with a dictatorship.”

President Barack Obama flew back to Washington from Hawaii after telephoning congressional leaders from his Christmas vacation perch.

Once back, he set up a meeting with leaders of both parties at the White House late Friday to make a fresh attempt to find a solution before Monday night’s deadline.

A look at why it’s so hard for Republicans and Democrats to compromise on urgent matters of taxes and spending, and what happens if they fail to meet their deadline:

NEW YEAR'S HEADACHE

Partly by fate, partly by design, some scary fiscal forces come together at the start of 2013 unless

“Whatever we come up with is going to be imperfect.”

— Top Senate Democrat Harry Reid

Congress and Obama act to stop them. They include:

— Some \$536 billion in tax increases, touching nearly all Americans, because various federal tax cuts and breaks expire at year’s end.

— About \$110 billion in spending cuts divided equally between the military and most other federal departments.

That’s about 8 percent of their annual budgets, 9 percent for the Pentagon.

Hitting the national economy with that double whammy of tax increases and spending cuts is what’s called going over the “fiscal cliff.” If allowed to unfold over 2013, it would lead to recession, a big jump in unemployment and financial market turmoil, economists predict.

WHAT IF THEY MISS THE DEADLINE?

If New Year’s Day arrives without a deal, the nation shouldn’t plunge onto the shoals of recession immediately. There still might be time to engineer a soft landing.

So long as lawmakers and the president appear to be working toward agreement, the tax hikes and spending cuts could mostly be held at bay for a few weeks. Then they could be repealed retroactively once a deal was reached.

The big wild card is the stock market and the nation’s financial confidence: Would traders start to panic if Washington appeared unable to reach accord? Would worried consumers and businesses sharply reduce their spending? In what could be a preview, stock prices in the U.S. and Europe dropped Friday on waning hopes that Obama and key lawmakers would reach an 11th-hour compromise.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has warned lawmakers

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President Barack Obama arrives to make a statement on the fiscal cliff negotiations with congressional leaders in the briefing room of the White House on Friday. (AP Photo)

ESC uses grant to track high school graduates

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

LISBON — A grant earned last year by the Columbiana County Educational Service Center (ESC) has gone toward tracking how many county high school graduates are pursuing higher education, where they enroll, and whether they go on to earn a college degree.

ESC consultant Steve Stewart presented the board with the National Student Clearinghouse report at its recent meeting. The Clearinghouse is a non-profit organization that has access to national enrollment and degree records for participating entities. The ESC submitted information on county high school graduates for 2007 through 2012.

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Each district also receives its own individual data, and Stewart said the data will help the ESC and county districts with earning more grants in the future.

“Everything is about data ... this is good information for grant writing,” he said.

According to the Clearinghouse report, more students enrolled in college immediately after high school in 2008 than between 2007 and now. Fifty-seven percent of graduates enrolled in college in 2008 and of those, 43.7 percent continued on for a second year.

On average, about 54 percent of graduates enrolled in college in 2007

through 2012 and about 1 in 5 (18 percent) of students who graduated in 2007 actually completed college, which is “not the greatest,” Stewart said.

He did note, however, that graduates opting to join the military, Peace Corps or other services have an influence on the results since they aren’t immediately pursuing higher education.

The data also revealed that students who graduated from high school this year are attending local universities like the Kent State Salem and East Liverpool campuses and Youngstown State University as opposed to those out of state, although the Pittsburgh Technical Institute is attracting more county students.

More high school students are also

participating in the Seniors to Sophomore program implemented in 2008 through grant funding.

All 11 county schools, the Buckeye Online School for Success and three districts in Mahoning County participate in the program.

Students can attend four courses, or 12 credit hours, at the KSU campuses in Salem and East Liverpool for college and high school credit.

The program began with 61 students in 2008 and has gained momentum since then. As of this fall, 222 students are participating — up 43 from the fall semester of 2011.

From 2008 until the spring semester of this year 48 percent of students earned “A” grades. Five percent of

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Wedding ceremony was 70 years in the making for Sanors

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

A Salem area couple celebrated a milestone wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at a ceremony 70 years in the making.

Donald and Ruth (Walpert) Sanor of Cider Mill Road on Nov. 11 renewed their vows for their 70th anniversary in front of 150 family members and guests at a marriage ceremony at Damascus Friends Church replete with wedding gown and “Wedding March.” Father Robert Edwards of St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Salem officiated the ceremony.

The wedding ceremony, held prior to a party planned by the couple’s seven children, served as a dream come true for Ruth, who had harbored a wish for a big wedding since



Salem area residents Donald and Ruth Sanor, set to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in January, renewed their vows in a marriage ceremony they missed out on in 1943. (Submitted photo)

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Good morning Floyd McCartney. Thank you for subscribing to the Salem News

WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today... Cloudy. A chance of snow showers in the morning...Then a chance of flurries in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 50 percent. Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 18. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Monday night...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. New years day...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Colder with lows 10 to 15. Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows around 15. Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers. Highs in the mid 20s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows around 10 above. Wind chill values as low as zero. Friday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 20s.

CLEVELAND: Today... Cloudy with a chance of flurries. Highs around 30. West winds 15 to 20 mph. Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Monday night...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. New years day...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs in the upper 20s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Colder with lows 10 to 15. Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers. Highs in the lower 20s.

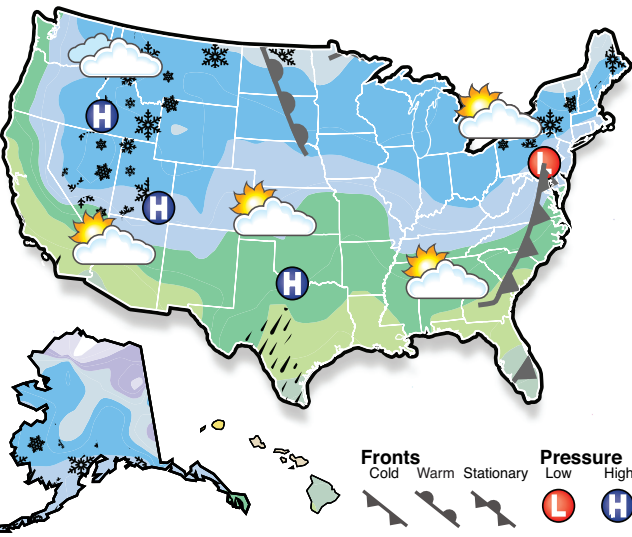
National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Dec. 30

Sunny

Pt. Cloudy

Cloudy



Fronts
Cold Warm Stationary
Pressure
Low High

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

Showsers

Rain

T-storms

Flurries

Snow

Ice

Tonight/Sunday

Forecast for Sunday, Dec. 30

City/Region

Low | High temps

Toledo

19° | 27°

Cleveland

27° | 30°

Youngstown

21° | 28°

Mansfield

18° | 25°

Dayton

16° | 25°

Columbus

21° | 23°

Cincinnati

18° | 27°

Portsmouth

21° | 34°

Partly Cloudy

Cloudy

Showers

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Flurries

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On Dec. 30, 1962, the Green Bay Packers defeated the New York Giants 16-7 in the NFL Championship Game; the event was filmed by Blair Motion Pictures, which later became NFL Films. In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812. In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston. In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the recently opened Iroquois Theater in Chicago. In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.) In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.

Extended Forecast

Today

33/18

Monday

34/25

Tuesday

33/13

Wednesday

25/15

NEW YEAR’S EVE FROM 1A

6:30 p.m. in the gym and Chip Richter and the Chipmunks Band at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. The gym fun ends with a ball drop, then moves to the Red Room on the top floor of the Memorial Building for some folk music by Dulci-More at 8:30 and 10:10 p.m. and Linda Sigismondi and Bill Schilling at 9:20 p.m.

The Sugartree Alley Depot Model Train Display at the back of Fred Naragon’s law office will be open from 6 to 10 p.m. with the entrance off of the alley. The Salem Historical Society venue at the Dale Shaffer Research Library meeting room off of South Lundy Avenue will be open from 4:30 to 8 p.m. with a show featuring the Music and Toys of

the Baby Boomers. The display will also be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 6 if weather permits.

Admission tickets don’t cover the cost of the food offerings at each site, which will carry a separate price. Each venue will feature pizza and soft drinks. The Salem Area Amateur Radio Association will offer a hot dog bar in Room 207, south of the auditorium in the Kent City Center, featuring hot dogs, cheese dogs, chili dogs, kraut dogs and kielbasa.

The Masonic Temple will feature a more traditional meal of turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, beans, cake and drink or a turkey sandwich and separate sides.

To check the schedule of events, go to the website at www.newyearsevesalem.com. Mary Ann Greier can be reached at mgreier@salem-news.net

Lawyer: \$100M school shooting claim about security

(AP) — A lawyer who’s asking to sue Connecticut for \$100 million on behalf of a 6-year-old Newtown school shooting survivor who heard violence over the school’s intercom system says the potential claim is about improving school security, not money.

“It’s about living in a world that’s safe,” New Haven attorney Irving Pinsky told The Associated Press on Saturday. “The answer is about protecting the kids.”

Pinsky asked this week to sue the state, which has immunity against most lawsuits unless it gives a party permission to go forward with a claim. Connecticut’s claims commissioner couldn’t be reached for comment Saturday.

Pinsky’s client, whom he calls “Jill Doe” in the claim, sustained “emotional and psychological trauma and injury” on Dec. 14 after gunman Adam Lanza forced his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School and gunned down 20 children and six adults inside in one of the deadliest school shootings in U.S. history. The child heard “conver-

sations, gunfire and screaming” over Sandy Hook’s intercom after someone in the office apparently switched on the system, according to the claim. Pinsky said Saturday he didn’t know whether his client saw anyone die. The state Board of Education, Department of Education and state education commissioner failed to protect the child “from foreseeable harm,” including by failing to provide a safe school setting, the filing said. It also said the parties failed to review and carefully scrutinize annual strategic school profile reports from the local school district and Sandy Hook Elementary as well as “other submissions with respect to student safety and emergency response planning and protocol.”

It says the parties also failed to require the school and local Board of Education to formulate and implement an effective student safety emergency response plan. Pinsky said Saturday he didn’t want to reveal more about the 6-year-old or details about her experience during the shooting because of privacy concerns.

SANORS FROM 1A

the marriage’s humble inception 70 years ago.

Beginning

The Sanors, in dressy but simple attire, were married on Jan. 20, 1943, at a small ceremony at the St. Patrick’s Catholic Church rectory in Leetonia in front of only two witnesses— Ruth’s brother, Raymond Walpert, and sister, Helen Chaplow. A small gathering of family members celebrated with cake and ice cream following the ceremony.

The two had met approximately one year prior at a Washingtonville roller skating rink and had very little money for an extravagant celebration.

“It was shortly after the Depression and everything was tight,” Ruth said. “It was all we could afford...it was nice but it never seemed like a real wedding.”

The marriage produced seven children, Donnette Huston, Ron (Nancy) Sanor, Tom (Jackie) Sanor and Larry (Dawn) Sanor, all of Salem; Luanne Sanor of Damascus, Patti (Mike) Cardone of Lakewood and Rita (Chuck) Blake of Cincinnati; 23 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Anniversary

As the Sanors’ anniversary approached, their children began planning a simple celebration for family and friends. When told of the plans, Ruth revealed her dream of walking down the aisle in a wedding dress.

“No one knew until that moment that she had secretly longed for the ‘beautiful wedding’ that every bride dreams of and, of course, (that) after 70 years of marriage she knew it would remain a ‘dream’ forever,” said Luanne Sanor. “She’s a wonderful woman, wonderful mother, we just wanted to make her dream come true.”

But it had long been bothering Ruth that she couldn’t have the wedding she longed for in 1943. So when her daughters suggested the party, she immediately relayed her desire to them.

“It started as a little party, but I had been thinking about a large wedding with a gown and vows in a church,” she said.

Having purchased her perfect wedding gown within a week of being told of the celebration, Ruth decided to keep the “wedding” a secret so she could surprise everyone at the party.

Adversity

The joyous occasion hit came to a

halt a few weeks later when Huston became unexpectedly ill and was diagnosed with bacterial pneumococcal meningitis. She was life-flighted to Aultman Hospital in Canton in very critical condition and doctors gave very little hope of survival. The family started to prepare for the worst.

Within hours prayers were coming from all over the country, Luanne Sanor said, and little by little her condition started to improve. A few days later she was awake and talking, baffling the doctors who didn’t think she would live. A week and a half later she was transferred to a rehabilitation center where she made tremendous progress daily.

“It was nothing short of a miracle,” Luanne Sanor said.

Once Huston’s condition began to improve, the family resumed preparations for the celebration not knowing if she would be able to attend the party for which she had helped plan.

Wedding day

On the day of the party, Don and Ruth hid away to wait for their “surprise” entrance, but were surprised themselves by the arrival of Huston, who had been given special permission by doctors to attend the party for a short time. The Sanors not only were about to have the wedding Ruth always wanted, but they were able to celebrate it with all their children in attendance.

As the “Wedding March” began, the bride and groom entered the room to the awe of family and friends, who greeted the happy couple with a standing ovation and cheerful applause.

“It was thrilling to make (her) dreams come true,” Luanne Sanor said. “We all had tears in our eyes.”

In the end, Ruth viewed the event as more than her children being thoughtful, loving and ambitious, though.

“So many families today break up and we’re so close,” she said. “That’s what I’m most pleased with.”

The couple

Don, 91, and Ruth, 89, have been lifelong Salem area residents. He is a retired dairy farmer and she was a housewife who raised the children and helped on the farm.

Don is a former Butler Township trustee, a 50-year member of the United Commercial Travelers and a Winona Ruritan. Ruth is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. Both are 70-year members of the Willow Grove Grange and 50-year members of the Farm Bureau.

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Former president Bush out of intensive care into regular hospital room

HOUSTON (AP) — A spokesman says former President George H.W. Bush’s condition continues to improve and that he was moved Saturday out of intensive care and into a regular hospital room.

Family spokesman Jim McGrath said in a statement Saturday that the Bushes thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

Bush was hospitalized Nov. 23 for treatment of a bronchitis-related cough. He was moved to intensive care at Houston’s Methodist Hospital on Dec. 23 after he developed a fever.

Bush, the 41st president, is the country’s oldest living former president by a few months.



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DEATHS

Donald E. Cornwell Sr.



EAST PALESTINE— Donald E. Cornwell Sr., 79, of East Garfield Road, died at 7:18 p.m. Wednesday at St. Elizabeth’s Boardman Campus where he was taken after becoming ill at home.

Donald was born June 22, 1933, in Circleville, a son of the late Charles William and Irene Belle (Nye) Cornwell, and had lived in Petersburg since 1965, coming from New Springfield. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the Korean Conflict. Donald had been employed 32 years as a coil handler with Republic Steel, retiring in the early 1980s. He had also worked for over 40 years with H.A. Felger & Son, starting at the early age of 9 years old.

His wife, Jo-Ann (Straley) Cornwell, whom he married July 25, 1953, preceded him in death on May 15, 2004.

Donald is survived by five sons, Donald E. (Theresa) Cornwell Jr. of Petersburg, Ronald (Rhonda) Cornwell of New Middletown, Douglas Cornwell of Boardman, Steven (Cindy) Cornwell of Corsica, Pa., and Jody Cornwell of the home; a daughter, Melissa Cornwell of New Middletown; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Toy of New Castle, Pa.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the New Springfield Church of God with Pastor Alan Leach officiating. Friends will be received at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Private family burial will be at Crest Haven Memorial Gardens in New Waterford.

12/30/12

CLIFF FROM 1A

that the economy is already suffering from the uncertainty and they shouldn’t risk making it worse by blowing past their deadline.

WHAT IF THEY NEVER AGREE?

If negotiations between Obama and Congress collapse completely, 2013 looks like a rocky year.

Taxes would jump \$2,400 on average for families with incomes of \$50,000 to \$75,000, according to a study by the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center. Because consumers would get less of their paychecks to spend, businesses and jobs would suffer. At the same time, Americans would feel cuts in government services; some federal workers would be furloughed or laid off and companies would lose government business. The nation would lose up to 3.4 million jobs, the Congressional Budget Office predicts.

“The consequences of that would be felt by everybody,” Bernanke says.

THE TAXES

Much of the disagreement surrounds the George W. Bush-era income tax cuts, and whether those rates should be allowed to rise for the nation’s wealthiest taxpayers. Both political parties say they want to protect the middle class from tax increases. Several tax breaks begun in 2009 to stimulate the economy by aiding low- and middle-income families are also set to expire Jan. 1. The alternative minimum tax would expand to catch 28 million more taxpayers, with an average increase of \$3,700 a year. Taxes on investments would rise, too. More deaths would be covered by the federal estate tax, and the rate climbs from 35 percent to 55 percent. Some corporate tax breaks would end. The temporary Social Security payroll tax cut also is due to expire. That tax break for most Americans seems likely to end even if a fiscal cliff deal is reached, now that Obama has backed down from his call to prolong it as an economic stimulus.

THE SPENDING

If the nation goes over the fiscal cliff, budget cuts of 8 percent or 9 percent would hit most of the federal government, touching all sorts of things from agriculture to law enforcement and the military to weather forecasting. A few areas, such as Social Security benefits, Veterans Affairs and some programs for the poor, are exempt.

THERE’S MORE AT STAKE

All sorts of stuff could get wrapped up in the fiscal cliff deal-making. A sampling:

— Some 2 million jobless Americans may lose their federal unemployment aid. Obama wants to continue the benefits extension as part of the deal; Republicans say it’s too costly.

— Social Security recipients might see their checks grow more slowly. As part of a possible deal, Obama and Republican leaders want to change the way cost-of-living adjustments are calculated, which would mean smaller checks over the years for retirees who get Social Security, veterans’ benefits or government pensions.

— The price of milk could double. If Congress doesn’t provide a fix for expiring dairy price supports before Jan. 1, milk-drinking families could feel the pinch. One scenario is to attach a farm bill extension to the fiscal cliff legislation — if a compromise is reached in time.

— Millions of taxpayers who want to file their 2012 returns before mid-March will be held up while they wait to see if Congress comes through with a deal to stop the alternative minimum tax from hitting more people.

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WHOLE THING OFF?

In theory, Congress and Obama could just say no to the fiscal cliff, by extending all the tax cuts and overturning the automatic spending reductions in current law. But both Republicans and Democrats agree it’s time to take steps to put the nation on a path away from a future of crippling debt.

POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— Eric M. Greathouse, 20, 808 E. Sixth St., Salem, was arrested on an active warrant out of the Columbiana County Sheriff’s Office following an investigation into separate incident at his home.

— A 500 block Aetna Street resident reported at 9:15 p.m. Friday that someone between 1 a.m. and the time of the complaint had entered her and her boyfriend’s vehicles parked in the driveway. She stated that nothing was missing from her vehicle, but the culprit had taken a camouflage bag containing \$100 worth of tools from her boyfriend’s.

— Police responded to an East State Street business at 9:53 p.m. Friday in reference to an assault. A clerk at the business stated that a man had walked in and requested assistance then left. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man. They returned to the business shortly after, though, after the man had returned to the business. The man told officers that he and his girlfriend had been in a dispute and that he wished them to talk to her. Both individuals were advised to get along.

— Officers responded to a 600 block Deming Street home at 10:18 p.m. Friday where the resident reported that someone between 5:45 and 10:10 p.m. that day had forced entry into the home and removed a television, damaging the door in the process.

— Officers responded to the 100 block of Washington Avenue at 10:54 p.m. Friday for a report of a disturbance and found a man yelling out an apartment window. He was advised to stop and to leave the apartment for a while if he was having problems with another resident.

— Police responded to Centennial Park at 1:40 a.m. Saturday for a report of possible drug dealing but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

— Officers responded to a Franklin Avenue home at 1:41 a.m. Saturday for a report of a suspicious woman banging on the door. The woman was found to be the homeowner’s girlfriend who was attempting to retrieve some personal belongings following an argument earlier in the day. She was advised to come back at a more appropriate time.

LEETONIA REPORTS

— An officer responded to an abandoned Columbia Street home at 8:38 a.m. Dec. 16 where juveniles were allegedly inside smashing things.

— An officer investigated a suspicious vehicle parked on Oak Street at 12:47 p.m. Dec. 17.

— An officer investigated a report of an unauthorized entry to an apartment in the 200 block of Main Street at 4:33 p.m. Dec. 21.

— An officer responded to a Pearl Street home at 12:48 p.m. Dec. 22 where the resident reported truck drivers from a neighboring business had been driving over his property to access a garage at the business.

— An officer responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Main Street at 9:06 p.m. Dec. 22.

— An officer responded to a domestic dispute in the 100 block of Bears Den Road at 10:12 p.m. Wednesday.

Black powder shoot planned at SHC

SALEM— A black powder shoot is scheduled for 7 p.m. New Year’s Day at the Salem Hunting Club, 549 Indiana Ave. The range opens at 6 p.m.

The club will also host a public all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Jan. 5. Cost is a \$5 donation and the menu includes eggs, pancakes, potatoes, bacon, toast, orange juice and a choice of hot beverages.

Club Officers will be on hand to answer any questions related to membership or club activities.

Church serving as coat collection locale

NORTH GEORGETOWN—Emmanuel Lutheran Church is serving as a collection site for new or gently used warm coats, hats, gloves, boots for over 500 families devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

These will be sent via Lutheran Disaster Response who has been on site determining the need for items. Items may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall in the church’s basement at the following times: noon to 2 p.m. today; 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 5; and noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 6.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is celebrating its 200th year as a Christian presence in the North Georgetown area with monthly special outreach and events. Emmanuel means “God With Us” so helping the victims of Hurricane Sandy in this way is a perfect way to do “God’s work, Our hands.”

The church is planning special events such as the collection every month as it moves to its big 200th anniversary in October 2013. It began in 1813 when German speaking protestants in the area met for worship in a log cabin east of the present village of North Georgetown which was founded later in the 1820s. Pastor Carolyn Wagar Hier and Church Council President Verna Kay Ziegler are co-chairing the anniversary planning. Look for a possible indoor movie night to escape winter’s cabin fever in February and other events and articles about the history of the church in the weeks ahead.

New Year’s Eve Salem orientation set

SALEM — The New Year’s Eve Salem volunteer orientation meeting begins at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Attendees are to use the side entrance.

Candlelight and prayer vigil planned today

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Christian Ministerial Association is hosting a candlelight and prayer vigil in memory of the victims of the Sandy Hook School shooting at 6 p.m. Sunday at

the Main Street Theater in downtown Columbiana.

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students earned “D” and “F” grades, which Stewart attributed to students who simply “didn’t show up” for class and didn’t turn in assignments.

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— William Moore, Elkton West Point Road, Lisbon, reported at 4:58 p.m. Friday several fraudulent charges were made to his business debit card through Home Savings Bank. Two of the charges totaled \$335 and a third for \$220 was not processed.

— Adrien Allenbaugh, Homeworth Road, Alliance, reported at 3:21 p.m. Friday she found \$685 in fraudulent charges made to her Buckeye State Credit Union debit card. The charges were from Mexico and one was for plane tickets in Europe.

— Stacy Patrick, Danbury Road, Wellsville, reported at 9:52 p.m. Thursday, children were in the area of state Route 39 and Fife Coal Road throwing snowballs. Deputies did not find anyone.

Woman charged with murder in NY subway shove death

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman accused of pushing a man to his death in front of a subway train was charged Saturday with murder as a hate crime.

Police arrested Erica Menendez on Saturday after a passer-by on a street noticed she resembled the woman seen in a surveillance video.

A spokeswoman for Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said Menendez told authorities she hates Hindus and Muslims.

Subway shoving victim Sunando Sen was from India, but it’s unclear if he was Muslim or Hindu.

Sen, who lived in Queens and ran a printing shop, was killed Thursday night. Witnesses said a muttering woman pushed him on the tracks as a 7 train entered a Queens station and then ran off.

Menendez was in custody

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Saturday and couldn’t be reached for comment. It was unclear if she had an attorney.

It was unclear whether the woman who pushed Sen had any connection to him. Witnesses told police the two hadn’t interacted on the platform as they waited for the 7 train, which runs between Manhattan and Queens.

Police released security camera video showing the woman running from the station where Sen was killed.

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3. Pour into fancy glass and serve with straw.
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SUN/30
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... ON THE Calendar THIS WEEK ...

Columbiana Christian Ministerial Association's candlelight and prayer vigil in memory of the victims of the Sandy Hook School shooting, 6 p.m., Main Street Theater.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1969, New Year's Eve celebration, noon, BB Rooners.

New Year's Eve Salem volunteer orientation, 7 p.m., Salem Area Chamber of Commerce meeting room; use side entrance.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Carryouts, 330-427-2533.

**MON/31
LEETONIA**
New Year's Eve dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Leetonia Eagles Club; \$3 for non-members. Music by Driving Force.

NORTH LIMA
New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee, 7 p.m., North Lima Business Complex. Buffet dinner by the Hen House Cafe, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$12. Reservations and free Jubilee tickets, 800-284-9709.

SALEM
New Year's Eve Salem at the Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St. Turkey dinners, sandwiches, sides and pizza, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Stockdale Family Band, The Allegheny Drifters, and Zack Paxton, rotating from 6-10:50 p.m.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; pork loin and sauerkraut. Butch Hallowell will perform Christmas carols.

New Year's Eve party, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892, 496 Arch St. Music by Damaged Goods; \$5 for non-members.

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

New Year's Eve dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Slovak Club, 313 S. Ellsworth Ave.; cash bar. Admission free to members, \$5 for non-members. Party favors and

food included; tickets, 330-337-8067.

Salineville
Salineville Kiwanis meeting, canceled.

**TUE/1
LEETONIA**
Leetonia High School Class of 1951, no meeting.

SALEM
Salem Community Pantry, closed today.

Black powder shoot, Salem Hunting Club, range opens 6 p.m., event starts at 7 p.m.

**WED/2
HANOVERTON**
United High School Class of 1963, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

LEETONIA
Book discussion, Anita Shreve's "Light on Snow," 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Leetonia High School Class of 1949, lunch, noon, Smokhouse restaurant in Greenford.

Village Council, 7 p.m., Village Hall.

LISBON
Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., Shale Tavern.

SALEM
TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

City Council meeting, 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Robbins United Methodist Church's "Soup to Go," canceled.

**THU/3
DAMASCUS**
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LEETONIA
Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-5:30 p.m.; blood pressure screening, 1-3 p.m.; Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Salem Board of Education organizational meeting, 7:30 a.m., administration building.

TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem Bird Study Club, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St.; use rear entrance.

WINONA
Winona Area Historical Society, meeting, 6:30 p.m., basement of the Winona Meeting House.

**FRI/4
NEGLEY**
American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., and open house, Negley Masonic Lodge, 50873 Richardson Ave.; appointments, redcrossblood.org or 800-733-2767.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Fish fry, 4-7:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Cost \$8.50; carryouts, 330-427-2533.

**SAT/5
GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
Board of trustees, 9 a.m., administration building.

SALEM
Salem Hunting Club, all-you-can-eat breakfast, 7-11 a.m., 549 Indiana Ave., \$5 donation. Includes eggs, pancakes, potatoes, bacon, toast, orange juice and a choice of hot beverages. Club officers will also be on hand to answer any questions related to membership or club activities.

Salem High School Class of 1972, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1949, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1963, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

**SUN/6
SEBRING**
American Legion Post 76, monthly breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, post home, 395 W. California Ave.

**MON/7
BEAVER TOWNSHIP**
South Ranch Local Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., high school Band Room.

COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins 9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Fairfield-Waterford Class of 1959, dinner, 5:30 p.m., Pondi's in Lisbon.

LEETONIA
Restoration, Renovation, and Beautification Committee of Columbiana, meeting, 6:30 p.m., Columbiana Womens Club.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

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SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, First Friends Church, 1028 Jennings Ave.; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Dunkin' Donuts; 330-332-1045.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

**TUE/8
LEETONIA**
Leetonia Community Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Leetonia Library. Veterans Outpost support meetings, 7 p.m., Point Man's LZ Refuge, 116 1/2 Oak St.; 800-877-8387.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

Salem-Lisbon La Leche League meeting, 7 p.m., New Lisbon Presbyterian Church, 111 E. Chestnut St.; 330-821-2585, 330-420-0822.

SALEM
United Quilt Guild, unfinished objects, 9:30 a.m.; meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Salem Community Hospital retirees and former employees, informal lunch, 11 a.m., Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem High School Class of 1968, dinner, 6 p.m., Ricky's English Pub.

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Kent City Center Auditorium Rock & Roll & More Also Serving Hot Food & Soft Drinks		Sugar Tree Alley Steel Drum Band 6:00-6:45	Storm Normn	Abbey Road (Special Guest Robert Zelenak) 7:00-7:45	Storm Normn	Tribute Band 8:00-8:45	Storm Normn	Abbey Road 9:00-9:45	Storm Normn	Tribute Band 10:00-10:45	Storm Normn	Grand Finale with Balloon Drop at Kent City Center Auditorium 11:00-12:15		
Masonic Temple Bluegrass & Country Also Serving Full Dinner		Allegheny Drifters 6:00-6:40		Zach Paxson 6:50-7:30	Stockdale Family Band 7:40-8:20		Allegheny Drifters 8:30-9:10	Zach Paxson 9:20-10:00		Stockdale Family Band 10:10-10:50		Grand Finale Will Feature Short Sets by Several Performers Tentatively Including: Abbey Road, Bill & Linda, God's Quad, Loving God Quartet, Mark Plegge, Stockdale Family Band, Storm Normn, Tribute Band and New Year Balloon Drop with Auld Lang Syne		
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour Gospel, Hymns, & More Also Serving Pizza & Soft Drinks Starting at 5:30 PM		Loving God Quartet 6:00-6:40		Hymn Sing with Bill, Linda, & Folks 6:50-7:30	God's Quad 7:40-8:20		Loving God Quartet 8:30-9:10	Ted Thorne 9:20-10:00		God's Quad 10:10-10:50				
Memorial Building <u>Gymnasium</u> Children's Shows 5:30-8:30 followed by Memorial Building <u>Red Room</u> Folk Music 8:30-10:50		Jason Alan Children's Magic Show <i>in Gym</i> 5:30-6:15		Daniel Jay Ventrioloquist/ Puppeter <i>in Gym</i> 6:30-7:15	Chip Richter & The Chip Munks Band <i>in Gym</i> 7:30-8:15		Dulci-More <i>in Red Room</i> 8:30-9:10	Bill Schilling & Linda Sigismundi <i>in Red Room</i> 9:20-10:00		Dulci-More <i>in Red Room</i> 10:10-10:50				
Sugar Tree Alley Depot Model Train Display in Sugar Tree Alley Studio Back of Fred Naragon's Law Office at 248 East State Street Entrance Only from Sugar Tree Alley (State Street Door Will Not Be Open) 6:00-10:00 PM												Salem Historical Society Dale Shaffer Research Library Meeting Room 239 South Lundy Avenue Music & Toys of the Baby Boomers Display & Reception from 4:30-8:00 PM Display also open from 1-4 PM on Sunday, January 6 (Weather Permitting)		
Kent City Center Salem Area Amateur Radio Association Room South of Auditorium Suggested Donations Shown Hot Dog Bar Hot Dogs (Plain, Cheese, Chili, or Kraut) - \$1.50 Kielbasa (Plain or Kraut) - \$1.50 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza - \$1.50 per Slice Drinks (Water, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Pop) - \$1.00 6:00-11:30 PM												Episcopal Church of Our Saviour Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza - \$1.50 per Slice Soft Drinks - \$1.00 5:30-10:50 PM		
												Dale Shaffer Research Library Meeting Room Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza - \$1.50 per Slice Variety of Chips - \$1.00 Soft Drinks - \$1.00 4:30-8:00 PM		

Tickets are available at all Salem Area Banks, Salem Giant Eagle, Salem Historical Society, Salem Community Center, and Salem Chamber of Commerce. Adults \$8.00 and Children 10 and under FREE with paid adult.

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Walleye drop to be on Letterman

PORT CLINTON (AP) — One northern Ohio town’s annual New Year’s Eve celebration will be getting more attention than usual.

Organizers say CBS’ “Late Show with David Letterman” plans to show a bit of Port Clinton’s walleye drop festivities.

Since 1996, folks in the town along Lake Erie have been dropping a giant Fiberglas fish from a crane to welcome the new year.

A local radio station official tells the News-Herald newspaper in Port Clinton that the Letterman show wants to feature some of the most unusual New Year’s Eve celebrations.

About 5,000 people show up each year in crowd downtown Port Clinton to watch the 600-pound fiberglass fish drop at midnight.

Minimum wage rising 15 cents on Jan. 1

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio’s minimum wage is going up 15 cents to \$7.85 beginning on Jan. 1.

The Ohio Department of Commerce also says the new minimum for tipped employees will be \$3.93 — an increase of 8 cents an hour.

The state minimum wage is adjusted annually because of an amendment to the Ohio Constitution approved by voters in 2006. Increases are linked to the Consumer Price Index. A year ago, the minimum wage jumped 30 cents at the beginning of 2012.

The nonprofit Economic Policy Institute says the 2013 increase will benefit 215,000 low-wage workers in the state and will mean an extra \$340 per year.

Ohio is one of 10 states that will increase their minimum wage on Tuesday.

ACROSS OHIO

Corrections agency moves training site

COLUMBUS (AP) — The state’s juvenile corrections agency says it will save \$300,000 a year by relocating its training academy to the adult prisons department’s training site in central Ohio.

The Department of Youth Services says its training academy will move from a site in Delaware County to the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction training site in Orient, southwest of Columbus. The change is effective Monday.

Youth Services Director Harvey Reed says cost reductions help maximize the investments for the youth the department oversees.

The move also could allow for more shared services between the departments and the possible sale of the Delaware County property.

Attys accused of trying to bribe victims

CLEVELAND (AP) — Prosecutors in Cleveland are accusing three attorneys of trying to bribe two rape victims to change their testimony.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Timothy McGinty says the lawyers offered the women \$150,000.

Attorneys representing the three men all deny the charges.

Prosecutors told a judge in Cleveland on Friday that attorney Anthony Calabrese III orchestrated the plan. Calabrese pleaded not guilty.

He’s already charged with racketeering and bribery in an unrelated case that’s part of a lengthy investigation of county government corruption in Cleveland. An indictment alleges he paid a county worker to influence commissioners’ choice of a new administration building.

A federal court filing says Calabrese plans to plead guilty in that case next month.

Dayton wants to demolish more houses

DAYTON (AP) — City leaders in Dayton say they want to speed up the number of vacant houses and buildings being demolished.

The Dayton Daily News reports that the city has demolished 1,100 abandoned buildings at a cost of nearly \$10 million since 2009.

City officials say getting rid of the vacant buildings will stabilize property values, reduce crime, and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.

One city commissioner says it’s the top issue neighborhoods.

The city plans to spend more than \$5 million to demolish 475 abandoned structures next year. The biggest challenge is finding enough qualified contractors to do the work.

Fire officials say removing the vacant buildings means fewer fires.

Truck owners saying laws are outdated.

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio’s capital city plans to serve up new regulations for food truck owners.

Complaints and questions about how they should operate have been boiling over in recent months as the number of food trucks have grown to an estimated 150 around the city.

City officials met recently with food truck operators, neighborhood leaders and restaurant owners to hear their concerns.

“We want to be welcoming to food trucks, and we will do everything we can to help them grow, but we must also protect the public in doing so,” said Councilwoman Michelle M. Mills.

Complaints center on where the trucks can park, sales taxes and trash left behind by customers, The Columbus Dispatch reported.

Food-truck owners think the city’s laws are outdated and do not address their businesses.

“The restaurant owners voiced concern about having a level playing field, but the playing field isn’t level,” said Brian Reed, president of the newly formed Central Ohio Food Truck Association. “We are at the mercy of the weather, and people go to restaurants because they want to sit down in a nice atmosphere and be served, and they don’t come to us for that.”

One unresolved issue is how long trucks are allowed to park at meters.

City code says vendors can sell from a metered spot for 15 minutes unless the city gives permission for longer periods. Food-truck owners would like to see that changed.

“We don’t think it’s unreasonable to do our business where there are parking meters as long as we aren’t out in front of a restaurant that doesn’t want us there,” Reed said.

Restaurant owners told city officials that food trucks should be taxed on sales just like restaurants. But the food-truck owners argued that that they serve takeout food, which isn’t covered by a sales tax.

Neighborhood leaders in an area near downtown and Ohio State University are upset by the trash customers leave behind.

Employers win workers’ comp ruling

CLEVELAND (AP) — A judge’s ruling against the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation may end up costing the state hundreds of millions of dollars.

The ruling issued Friday also could mean that more than 270,000 Ohio employers are due restitution after the judge said they were overcharged by the state.

A group of businesses sued Ohio in 2007 for \$1.3 billion, saying that they paid too much for their workers’ compensation premiums.

Cuyahoga County Judge Richard McMonagle agreed but has asked the group to lower their request for damages.

An attorney for the group tells The Plain Dealer newspaper in Cleveland that the final amount will be less than a billion dollars but still a lot of money.

A spokesman for workers’ compensation bureau says they plan to appeal the decision.

Group against plant license gets setback

TOLEDO (AP) — A federal board has given a setback to groups opposing the renewal of a license for the Davis-Besse nuclear plant in northern Ohio. The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board rejected two of the groups arguments including their contention that cracks found last year in a concrete shell stand in the way of allowing the plant along Lake Erie from operating safely. The Blade newspaper in Toledo says the ruling found that the group didn’t have evidence backing their claim that the cracks are related to the structure’s age.

Operators of the plant near Toledo say the cracks trace back to a 1978 blizzard when wind, rain and a temperature drop caused moisture to penetrate the concrete shell.

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. is seeking a 20-year license extension for Davis-Besse.

Vultures pick at visitors’ cars in Florida Everglades

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Visitors to parts of Everglades National Park are getting tarps and bungee cords to make their vehicles less delectable to vultures.

Migrating vultures have developed a habit of ripping off windshield wipers, sunroof seals, and other rubber and vinyl vehicle parts. Visitors to the park’s Homestead and Flamingo entrances are loaned “anti-vulture kits” to protect their vehicles.

Park wildlife biologist Skip Snow tells The Miami Herald that the vultures are migrating as normal. It’s just not clear why the birds are picking at parked cars and trucks. Park employees have tried to scare away the vultures, but nothing has worked. Park Superintendent Dan Kimball says complaints about the vultures have declined since employees began distributing the tarps and bungee cords last year.

Two dead after being swept into San Francisco Bay by large waves

SAUSALITO, Calif. (AP) — A man and boy fishing near the Golden Gate Bridge died on Friday after being swept into the ocean by large waves, authorities said.

The unidentified pair and a third fisherman were pulled into the frigid waters on Friday just before 5 p.m., Southern Marin fire Battalion Chief Matt Barnes said.

They were on a rocky coastline just northwest of the bridge in the Marin Headlands, which is exposed to large swells rolling in from the Pacific.

“It’s not an ideal place to fish, it’s real rocky there,” Barnes said.

After getting thrashed by the waves, the third man managed to make it back to shore and flag down bystanders, who called 911.

Barnes did not know the relationship of the men, and said there was a language barrier which prevented an immediate interview of the survivor.

The man and boy were plucked from the water about 100 yards offshore by a Tiburon Fire Department boat, with a Coast Guard helicopter assisting. The area is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.



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► NBA



Cleveland Cavaliers' Tristan Thompson shoots against the Brooklyn Nets during the first half Saturday in New York. (AP Photo)

Brooklyn nets win over Cavs

Nets improve to 2-0 under Carlisimo

NEW YORK (AP) — Brook Lopez scored a season-high 35 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and the Brooklyn Nets improved to 2-0 under interim coach P.J. Carlisimo by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-100 on Saturday night.

Lopez followed his 26-point, 11-rebound performance in a victory Friday over Charlotte by shooting 13 of 20 from the field, making a number of timely baskets in the fourth quarter that the Nets ultimately needed to hold on.

Deron Williams and Joe Johnson each scored 15 points for the Nets, who fired coach Avery Johnson on Thursday and followed with two victories over losing teams. But now, they head off for major tests at San Antonio and Oklahoma City.

CJ Miles scored 33 points and made eight 3-pointers for the Cavs, but Kyrie Irving capped a miserable shooting night when his tying 3-point attempt went in and out. He finished with 13 points on 5-of-16 shooting.

Tristan Thompson added 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who played without center Anderson Varejao because of a knee injury. He had a career-high 35 points and 18 rebounds in the previous meeting in Brooklyn and perhaps could have slowed Lopez, who fouled out rookie Tyler Zeller.

Carlisimo is trying to prove that if the Nets can't lure top priority Phil Jackson out of retirement, they should keep him.

Carlisimo had a chance to spend time with owner Mikhail Prokhorov and other team officials Saturday during a lunch meeting. Then he picked up another victory, with Prokhorov watching from his box above midcourt and part-owner Jay-Z from his court-side seat right next to the Nets' bench.

The Nets got off to another strong start, as they did in Friday's 97-81 rout of Charlotte, but couldn't sustain it this time.

After their 15-point lead was cut to one early in the

See CAVS, 4B

► NFL — BROWNS, STEELERS LOOK TO END SEASON ON HIGH NOTE

Uneventful end

Cleveland, Pittsburgh finale carries with it little spark



Tough seasons
Cleveland Browns cornerback Johnson Bademosi (37), defensive tackle Billy Winn (90) and all purpose player Joshua Cribbs (16) walk back to the line of scrimmage in the fourth quarter against the Denver Broncos, Sunday in Denver. The Browns and Steelers close their seasons today against one another, with very little on the line. (AP Photo)

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Larry Foote knew at some point he would take a long look around the Pittsburgh Steelers locker room and wonder who is going to be around next year.

Foote just never expected to have to do a head count so soon. Neither did his team-

mates.

A promising season, however, was undone by a December swoon. And only 60 minutes against the Cleveland Browns stand between the Steelers (7-8) and an uncertain offseason.

"You know they're going to start looking at the 30-year-olds," the 33-year-old linebacker said. "You know they're going to start thinking about who is part of their plan."

It's a sentiment the Browns (5-10) know all too

well.

The franchise is in the midst of yet another reboot under new owner Jimmy Haslam and there's a real chance second-year coach Pat Shurmur could be coaching his last game in Cleveland during in an otherwise meaningless season finale.

The Browns have shown flashes of growth this fall — including a 20-14 win over the Steelers on Nov. 25 — but have been unable to make any real headway in

the competitive AFC North. Cleveland is already assured of a last-place finish for the fourth time in the last five seasons and with team president Mike Holmgren already out the door there's talk Shurmur may soon follow.

Chatter about who will be on the sideline is nothing new in Cleveland, where Pro Bowl tackle Joe Thomas could be playing for his fourth coach in seven

See END, 5B



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton motions before running a play against the San Diego Chargers during the first half Sunday in San Diego. (AP Photo)

Ravens, Bengals hope to sharpen up

Game could be playoff preview as well

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Ravens have studied their possible playoff pairings. The only thing for sure: Baltimore gets to play its first game at home as the AFC North champion.

The opponent? Too early to tell.

"Yeah, we've thought about it," running back Ray Rice said. "We've seen it. We know all the scenarios."

An intriguing one: If the

Ravens win on Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium, there's a chance they could play division-rival Cincinnati in back-to-back weeks.

Their game on Sunday doesn't mean a lot. Baltimore (10-5) wrapped up its second straight division title and its fifth consecutive playoff appearance by beating the defending Super Bowl champion Giants 33-14 last week. The only undecided is who they will host in the first game.

See BENGALS, 5B

► COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BCS title game tough call for neutral fans

Some fans rooting for 'lesser of two evils' with pick

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The pub is called the Blue Leprechaun — and the name pretty much says it all.

Notre Dame isn't too popular along this strip of bars and restaurants within walking distance of Michigan Stadium, and at this lively establishment, a couple leprechaun heads wearing Wolverine-colored hats smile out at the street from an exterior awning.

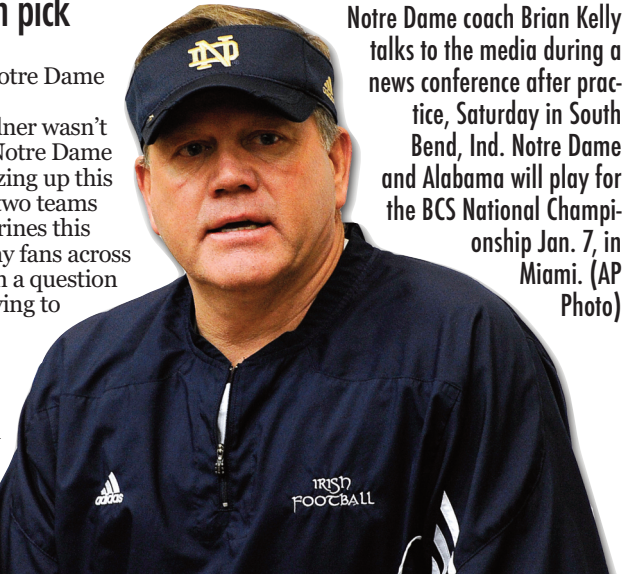
Ryan Gardner works inside, and like almost everyone in town, he's a Michigan fan. So it was a touch startling to hear him declare his allegiance — such as it is — for the BCS championship game.

"I would like to see Notre Dame win," he said.

The 26-year-old Gardner wasn't exactly humming the "Notre Dame Victory March" while sizing up this Jan. 7 title tilt between two teams that defeated his Wolverines this season. He's one of many fans across the country reflecting on a question with no easy answer, trying to choose between Notre Dame and Alabama, two of the most successful — and most resented — programs in college football.

So who does America dislike more, the

See BCS, 2B



Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly talks to the media during a news conference after practice, Saturday in South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame and Alabama will play for the BCS National Championship Jan. 7, in Miami. (AP Photo)



Ohio State's Deshaun Thomas, center, shoots over Chicago State's Matt Ross during the second half Saturday in Columbus. OSU defeated Chicago State 87-44. (AP Photo)

Buckeyes roll over Chicago St.

Thomas has 17 points in 87-44 win

COLUMBUS (AP) — A week after shooting as if they were blindfolded, 10th-ranked Ohio State regained its touch.

Deshaun Thomas scored 17 points and four others also hit double digits as the Buckeyes shot 57 percent from the field in an 87-44 victory over Chicago State on Saturday.

"When we made our first shot today, I turned to the coaches and said, 'Hey, we're 1 for 1. That's 1,000 percent. This is awesome,'" coach Thad Matta said, smiling. "I was pleased with how we shot the ball today."

The game was Ohio State's first since losing 74-66 to No. 6 Kansas a week earlier. In that game, the Buckeyes played good defense and worked to get open on offense but could not hit shots — even when unguarded. They mustered just 31 percent shooting from the field (20 of 65).

Against Chicago State, they hit 33 of 58 shots from the field including 8 of 17 3-pointers (47 percent).

Much of that success came after the Buckeyes had tried to shoot over a Chicago State zone. After a while, however, they decided to go inside more and drive to the basket. That strategy paid huge dividends.

"If you look at the numbers, we shot more game-like shots throughout practice and the week we had off," said point guard Aaron Craft, who ended up with 10 points — his first double-figure scoring game since November. "We're taking shooting a little more seriously."

LaQuinton Ross added 15 points, Lenzelle Smith Jr. had 13, Amedeo Della Valle had a career-high 11 for the Buckeyes (10-2), who complete an eight-game homestand when they host Nebraska in the Big Ten opener on Wednesday.

Ohio State built a 37-24 lead at the half but then completely overwhelmed the Cougars.

"They came out in the second half and they let us know, 'We're the big boys.' They came and let us know, 'We are a Top-10 team,'"

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NBC — Dallas at Washington

2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 30

1956 — The New York Giants win the NFL title with a 47-7 rout of the Chicago Bears.

1962 — The Green Bay Packers beat the New York Giants 16-7 to win the NFL title for the second straight year.

1973 — The Minnesota Vikings beat the Dallas Cowboys 27-10 to win the NFC championship.

1973 — The Miami Dolphins, behind 266 yards rushing, beat the Oakland Raiders 27-10 for an unprecedented third straight AFC title.

1981 — In the 39th game of the season, Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky scores five goals, including his 50th into an empty net, to lead the Oilers to a 7-5 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

2000 — Nebraska ends a disappointing season by setting a bowl record for points in a 66-17 victory over Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl.

2002 — TCU sets an NCAA record for fewest points allowed when the Lady Frogs beat Texas Southern 76-16. The 16 points breaks the Division I record for fewest points. Prairie View scored 19 points against Jackson State in 1983.

2007 — Drew Brees sets an NFL record with 443 completions, passing the previous mark of 418 set by Rich Gannon in 2002. Brees completes 35 of 60 passes for 320 yards with three TD passes in New Orleans' 33-25 loss to Chicago. Devin Hester of the Bears breaks his own NFL record when he returns a punt 64 yards for a touch-down. It gave him six kick runbacks (two kickoff, four punt) for scores this season.

2007 — Andre' Davis becomes the seventh player in NFL history to return two kickoffs for touchdowns in a game during Houston's 42-28 win over Jacksonville. He has a 97-yard return in the final minute of the second quarter, then takes the opening kickoff of the second half back 104 yards.

2010 — Top-ranked Connecticut's record 90-game winning streak in women's basketball ends when No. 9 Stanford outplays the Huskies from the start in a 71-59 victory at Maples Pavilion — where the Cardinal have their own streak going. Stanford hasn't lost in 52 games at home. The Cardinal took an early 13-point lead, never trailed and didn't let the mighty Huskies back in it.

2011 — Blake Bell runs for three touchdowns to help Oklahoma survive a late rally and a crashing camera to beat Iowa 31-14 in the Insight Bowl. A camera, providing overhead shots for ESPN, hanging from a wire over Sun Devil Stadium falls with 2:22 left in the game.

PREP WRESTLING

Strong showing for Salem

Slocum takes first in 160-pound class at Brian Davidson Memorial tourney

SALEM — Canfield won the Brian Davidson Memorial Tournament at Salem High School Saturday. The Cardinals topped the event with 363.5 points. The Salem Quakers finished fourth out of eight teams at 173.5. Taking first place in his weight class for the Quakers was Jesse Slocum (160). Other placers for Salem included Trent Kellogg (106, 4th), Adam Lydic (126, 4th), Storm Haueter (132, 4th), Kade Byland (138, 3rd), Brandon Boyle (220, 3rd) and Alex Sosbe (285, 3rd).



Team Results

1. Canfield 363.5
2. Aurora 237
3. North West 185
4. Salem 173.5
5. Rocky River 167.5
6. Springfield 132.5
7. Liberty 68.5
8. Crestview 61

Individual Results

- 106
1. Kyle West CF
 2. Aaron Kelly RR
 3. Josh Whitelaw A
 4. Trent Kellogg SAL

- 113
1. Dan Mahoney RR
 2. Matt Dunbar CF
 3. Nick Wright SPR
 4. Brandon Rolinson NW

- 120
1. Andrew Petersen A
 2. Stephen Daprile CF
 3. Brad Sprau RR
 4. Cody Wilson SPR

- 126
1. David Gadelsky RR
 2. Ross Duffett CF
 3. Michael Rittenour SPR



Salem's Jesse Slocum stands atop the podium after taking first place in the 160-pound division of the Brian Davidson Memorial Tournament held Saturday. (Submitted photo)

4. Adam Lydic SAL
- 132
1. Chris Jackson NW
 2. Jake Dunbar CF
 3. Dj Lieberth A
 4. Storm Haueter SAL

- 138
1. Justin Smith NW
 2. CJ Frost CF
 3. Kade Byland SAL
 4. Mitch Lackey A

- 145
1. Dalton Cox NW

2. Bryan Battaton CF
3. Brian Evans A
4. David Carlyn SPR

- 152
1. David Labra CF
 2. Brandon Kina NW
 3. Brandon Jefferson LIB
 4. Travis Smith RR

- 160
1. Jesse Slocum SAL
 2. Kyle Myers NW
 3. Stephen Hamilton CF
 4. Jimi Smith RR

- 170
1. John Poullas CF
 2. Mike Holmes SPR
 3. Nate Gissinger NW
 4. Angus Neitert A

- 182
1. Stan Socha CF
 2. Brian Mcnamara A
 3. Triston Briggs SPR
 4. Kyle Brosch NW

- 195
1. Hayden Smith CF
 2. Dimitri Gregory CRE

3. AJ Suchovsky A
4. Austin Piuunno A

- 220
1. Jake Exarco CF
 2. Micky Carrasco A
 3. Brandon Boyle SAL
 4. Zach Metzgar SPR

- 285
1. Curtis Burns CF
 2. Josh Burger A
 3. Alex Sosbe SAL
 4. Jesse Singler RR

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notre Dame athletes helped after Alabama tornado

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — David Jones saw the best of Alabama's community in the worst of times. Jones, a Notre Dame cheerleader, was part of a group of two dozen Fighting Irish athletes that came to Tuscaloosa during fall break in 2011. They were there for a week of cleanup and hard work in a grieving town where more than 50 were left dead because of a tornado a few months earlier. Now, a year and a half after that week of bonding and goodwill, Notre Dame and Alabama are getting ready to play each other for the BCS national championship. "With the hospitality I had down in Alabama, it became one of my favorite schools," Jones said. "There's no hostility, but more karma. You meet all these different faces of the Alabama community. You're just amazed by them and now you're playing them." There were no football players



during that weeklong service project dubbed "Fight for Tide". They were preparing for the 2011 season, after all. It wasn't about football, anyway. Or basketball. Or softball. The service project began with a call from Tim Cavanaugh, assistant director of Alabama's ticket office, to Notre Dame program coordinator Sarah Smith seeking donations. The two interned together in South Bend. That call resulted in clothes shipped to Tuscaloosa, and ultimately the 675-mile bus ride and weeklong trip. "It's one of those things that when special things arise we try to do something if we have the resources and the interest from the student-athletes," said Smith, adding that a group had traveled to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. "It all just kind of came together for the Alabama trip. A lot of kids were talking about it. We sent a bunch of clothes down there but then the conversation kind of snowballed to, Why

don't we go down there?" Other schools' students and fans also offered a hand in Tuscaloosa, including those who pull for Auburn. Tragedy trumps rivalry any day. "I think it speaks volumes for the kind of character and leadership that those people have, from whatever schools they come from," Tide football coach Nick Saban said. "People came here from Auburn, which we appreciated. They came from Kent State. I think a willingness to serve other people who are in need at the time for whatever reasons, I think speaks volumes for what kind of person somebody really is. We certainly appreciate that and certainly appreciate anything the Notre Dame students did for our community." The Notre Dame group cleared out lots, hauled debris and dug a ditch. There was also lots of listening. "Everyone had a story: Where they were, who in their family was affected," Smith said. "I think it was kind of healing for them to tell their

story to other people and that we were down there showing that we cared. "It kind of created this bond between us and everyone we met, this kind of appreciation that we were there in solidarity. That was pretty cool to feel." Tide softball coach Patrick Murphy and some of his players worked with the Notre Dame athletes on a site a few miles from campus in Alberta City and took them to dinner. "I think they made a lot of fans in Tuscaloosa because that night when we went to eat, there were several people that came up to me and asked what was going on," Murphy said. "I said, 'This is a group of Notre Dame student-athletes.' And people gave me a look like, 'Notre Dame?'" "I can remember reading in the newspaper people wrote and said that, 'Our opinion of Notre Dame has changed tremendously.' Just a wonderful gesture by these student-athletes. All of us were really touched by it."

BCS FROM 1B

Fighting Irish or the Crimson Tide? For unattached observers from Michigan to Texas, that's shaping up to be one tough call. "I don't like Alabama more than I don't like Notre Dame," Gardner said. Notre Dame hasn't won a national championship since 1988, and the Irish were largely irrelevant for two decades before coach Brian Kelly's team strung together a dozen victories this season to earn a spot opposite Alabama in the title game. Now, comparisons with the Yankees, Lakers and every other polarizing sports sensation seem appropriate again. Notre Dame recently reached the top of the AP poll for the first time since 1993. Cue the usual prattle about Rockne, Rudy, the Four Horsemen et. al. "We are going to have to deal with the lore again, God help us," Charles Pierce

wrote grudgingly last month in a piece for Grantland.com. But when Notre Dame (12-0) takes the field in Miami to play for the national title — still not part of a football conference, still raking in money via its one-of-a-kind TV contract with NBC — the Irish won't be facing some random opponent. They'll be up against Alabama, Nick Saban's dynasty-in-progress that's been Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammering opponents into the ground for most of the last five years. A victory over Notre Dame would give the second-ranked Crimson Tide (12-1) a third national championship in four seasons. You can practically hear the "S-E-C!" chant already. "The question is, who are you less sick of?" said David Bazzel, who played at Arkansas during the 1980s and now hosts a radio show for KABZ of Little Rock. "The hatred of Notre Dame. ... If you don't have that ha-

tred of Alabama as much, it's that we're tired of them winning." That's part of Gardner's rationale. Alabama's BCS title last season was the sixth in a row for the Southeastern Conference. "I'm not really an SEC-affiliated fan. I actually went to an SEC school (Tennessee) for my first couple years of college, but I never really got attached to SEC sports," Gardner said. "It's a powerful conference — but never rooted for them." On Friday, Bazzel threw the question to his listeners with an informal poll, and in Arkansas, SEC pride still runs deep. Of the 30 or so callers who voted, about two thirds said they'd prefer an Alabama win. Elsewhere, SEC fatigue is a very real phenomenon — and Notre Dame's recent floundering may have insulated the Irish a bit from similar envy. "Notre Dame is obnoxious for all the reasons that Notre Dame is obnoxious, but they've been down for so

long," said Peter Bean, a 2003 Texas graduate who runs the blog Burnt Orange Nation. "It's been 15 years of schadenfreude with the Irish, so it kind of feels like you're throwing them a bone." Bean actually went to Notre Dame for law school, but he's no Irish supporter. The question is whether Notre Dame's return to glory — for years a sarcastic punch line but suddenly a legit possibility — would be as gratifying as another showcase of SEC dominance. The Irish could be double-digit underdogs at kickoff, making Notre Dame — gulp — a sentimental favorite? "It's kind of bizarre to be honest," said Joe Hettler, a 2005 Notre Dame grad who hopes to attend the championship game. "I've been a fan since I was literally 6 years old. Nobody ever roots for us." Perhaps that's the next step for the Irish. Does Notre Dame need to win a national championship or

two to rebuild the animosity of the neutral fan? "Hopefully, we'll be hated back to the level that we're accustomed to," Hettler said. Bean can certainly see that happening. "This is the one opponent that's more hated than they are," he said. "Give the Irish fans a chance to squander the goodwill." It may be only a matter of time before it's chic to loathe Notre Dame again, but for now, public scorn will have to be shared with those bullies from the South. "Most of the Ohio State people that I talk to down here are going to root for Notre Dame," said Shawn Murnahan, president of OSU's alumni club of Atlanta. "One of these two teams is going to be national champions. Which would you rather it be?" Of course, there's a flip side to that statement. One of these teams also has to lose. "Somebody's going to be sad," Bean said. "So we all win."

► NCAA BASKETBALL

Big Ten shaping up to be brutal in 2013

Conference sports numerous ranked teams as battle for league crown set to begin

By **LUKE MEREDITH**
Associated Press

Anyone wondering how tough the Big Ten will be this season should take a look at Iowa's plight. The Hawkeyes (11-2) are flying high, having won six straight for their best start in eight years. They've got a pair of emerging stars in Aaron White and Devyn Marble and their league opener is already sold out. And yet the Hawkeyes will probably be underdogs in each of their first three Big Ten games. Iowa kicks off play in by far the nation's toughest league by hosting fifth-ranked Indiana (11-1) on New Year's Eve. The Hawkeyes then travel to second-ranked Michigan (12-0) before a relative breather — No. 19 Michigan State in Iowa City.

"I think everybody in the preseason knew what this league was going to be, and that's what it's been," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said after the Hawkeyes beat Coppin State on Dec. 22.

What it's likely to be this winter is a blast for fans — and brutal for members.

The Big Ten is first in overall RPI nationally as non-conference play winds down this weekend. Five league teams are ranked in the top 12 of the latest AP poll and at least eight of them have a good shot at reaching the NCAA tournament.

For now, the favorites to win the Big Ten are about the same as they were in October. The Hoosiers, Wolverines and ninth-ranked Buckeyes (9-2) currently look like the three teams most capable of winning the regular-season title.

Indiana was No. 1 for most of this season before an overtime loss to 18th-ranked Butler knocked the Hoosiers down a few pegs. Still, Indiana leads the country in scoring (89.1) and in point differential by outscoring teams by nearly 30 points a game.

Michigan can finish unbeaten in non-conference play for the first time in 27 years with a win over Cen-



Ohio State's Aaron Craft, left, breaks the press between Chicago State's Jamere Dismukes, center, and Jeremy Robinson during the second half on Saturday in Columbus. Ohio State defeated Chicago State 87-44. (AP Photo)

tral Michigan on Saturday. The Wolverines join top-ranked Duke, No. 3 Arizona and surprising Wyoming as the only undefeated teams left.

Ohio State has a pair of losses, though falling to Duke and Kansas is nothing to be ashamed of. The Buckeyes have depth beyond star Deshaun Thomas, who is averaging 20 points a game, and that should come in handy in the league.

"The Big Ten defensively is as good as there is in the country. Just having different guys out there that can knock shots down is something that is going to be advantageous for us throughout the season," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said.

What makes the Big Ten so tough this season is that it isn't just top heavy. The middle is pretty rough too.

No. 11 Minnesota (12-1) has wins over Memphis, Stanford, Florida State and USC, and is arguably the best team Tubby Smith has

had in six seasons coaching the Gophers. Minnesota opens Big Ten play on Monday when it hosts Michigan State (11-2).

"I think we're in good position, but I know we have to play better," Smith said.

No. 12 Illinois has been the surprise of the league with its 12-1 start while the Spartans have wins over Kansas and Texas.

"It was a physical war and there were bodies everywhere. That's the way it is going to be in our league so we might as well get used to it," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said after the win over the Longhorns.

Northwestern (9-4) suffered a major blow when it lost star Drew Crawford for the year with a shoulder injury, but the Wildcats nearly beat Stanford without him. Wisconsin is just 8-4, though its losses were against quality opponents like 14th-ranked Florida and 16th-ranked Creighton.

Nebraska (8-4) is still finding its way with new

coach Tim Miles, and Purdue (5-6) is in rebuilding mode after losing Robbie Hummel and Lewis Jackson. Penn State suffered a massive blow when its best player, guard Tim Frazier, ruptured his left Achilles tendon and was lost for the year.

The true wild card in the Big Ten could wind up being those Hawkeyes. Iowa hasn't reached the NCAA tournament since winning the Big Ten tournament and earning a No. 3 seed way back in 2006.

The Hawkeyes have wins over Iowa State and Northern Iowa, and their losses came against Wichita State and at Virginia Tech.

Iowa can play 10 guys comfortably for the first time in recent memory. McCaffery is going to need all of them for what promises to be as tough of a league schedule of anyone in the country.

"We have a better team. We're deeper. You have to be deep," McCaffery said.

No. 1 Duke pulls away from Santa Clara

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Seth Curry scored 12 of his season-high 31 points during the late run that helped No. 1 Duke pull away for a 90-77 victory over pesky Santa Clara on Saturday.

Mason Plumlee added 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Blue Devils (12-0), who needed a huge run late to overcome both a big game from Kevin Foster and a real scare from the Broncos (11-3).

Foster scored 18 of his 29 points in the first half, and his soaring baseline dunk put the Broncos up 45-41 with 16:30 left. But the Broncos managed just one field goal over the next 8½ minutes.

Curry hit two 3-pointers and followed with three layups during the Blue Devils' 26-5 run.

Ryan Kelly had 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Quinn Cook finished with 15 points for Duke, which is 12-0 for the 10th time under coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Blue Devils won their 101st straight nonconference game at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Evan Roquemore added 17 points

while Marc Trasolini and Raymond Cowels III had 10 apiece for Santa Clara, which was playing the No. 1 team for just the second time since 1981 and fell to 0-12 all-time against top-ranked opponents.

No. 12 ILLINOIS 81, AUBURN 79

CHICAGO (AP) — Tracy Abrams scored a career-high 27 points for Illinois.

The Illini (13-1) saw an 11-point lead shrink to one in the closing minutes but they prevailed after falling to Missouri in the Braggini' Rights game a week earlier — their first loss under coach John Groce.

Frankie Sullivan buried a 3 for Auburn (5-7) to make it 68-67 with 4:29 remaining. Illinois then hit 13 of 18 free throws the rest of the way for a rare win at the United Center, where they had dropped three straight and five of six after winning 18 in a row.

Abrams, a sophomore guard, was 6 of 11 from the field and 13 of 15 from

the free throw line while eclipsing his previous high by five points.

Brandon Paul finished with 13 points for Illinois but was just 3 of 12 from the field and missed all five 3-point attempts.

Sullivan led Auburn with 21 points. Rob Chubb scored 13, and Allen Payne chipped in with 10 points and 10 rebounds, but the Tigers dropped their second straight.

NORTH CAROLINA 79, No. 20 UNLV 73

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — P.J. Hairston scored 15 points in his first career start for North Carolina.

Dexter Strickland added a season-high 16 points for the Tar Heels (10-3), who led by 15 points in the first half and by nine at the break. But UNC had to turn away a second-half surge by the Runnin' Rebels (11-2) to earn the program's 63rd straight home win against nonconference opponents.

Freshman Anthony Bennett had 15 points and 13 rebounds for UNLV,

which led by a point briefly in the second half but spent most of the game in catch-up mode. Katin Reinhardt and Anthony Marshall each added 15 points for the Runnin' Rebels, who also got Mike Moser back from an elbow injury after a four-game absence.

Hairston started in place of Reggie Bullock, who sat out with a mild concussion suffered in Thursday's practice, and finished 5 for 10 from the field and hit two 3-pointers. He made two free throws with 28.5 seconds left after the Runnin' Rebels had closed within 76-73.

No. 23 NORTH CAROLINA ST. 84, W. MICHIGAN 68

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — C.J. Leslie scored 19 points to lead North Carolina State.

Richard Howell added 18 points on 8-of-8 shooting for the Wolfpack (10-2), who won their sixth consecutive game.

N.C. State shot 55 percent from the field, padding its NCAA-leading field goal percentage.

"I'm very disappointed about it," said Smith, who was 0 for 4 at the line. "It lets me know what I've got to work on. When I step to the line I've got to be able to knock those down."

The Buckeyes will continue to work on their shooting. They also had a bad night from the field in their only other loss, a 73-68 setback at Duke in which they shot just 33 percent from the field.

In a small surprise, 6-foot-11 Amir Williams started at center ahead of the team's only senior, 6-8 Evan Ravenel.

Williams scored four points, had four rebounds, and blocked a shot in 15 minutes. Ravenel had five points, 10 rebounds and an assist in 16 minutes.

"Amir had practiced very well and, truth be told, Evan didn't practice well," Matta said.

"From the standpoint of Evan being the only senior on this team, we hold him to a pretty high standard in terms of what we expect from him day in and day out. He's been in college for five years. I'll be honest I loved what he gave us off the bench today."

The game was played on a new hardwood court at Value City Arena. This one features the outline of the state of Ohio underneath the Ohio State logo at midcourt.

Thomas said he believed the Buckeyes were ready for the trials of the Big Ten.

"Yeah, I think we are," he said. "Coach is going to have us ready for the challenge."

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Ex-Steelers center Cherundolo dies in Fla. at 96

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Former Pittsburgh Steelers center and coach Chuck Cherundolo has died in Florida at the age of 96.

His daughter, Pat Cherundolo, said Saturday that the former player died of heart failure on Dec. 22 in Lakeland.

Cherundolo played for the Steelers in the 1940s, taking a break to serve in the Navy during World War II. In 2007, the Steelers named him to their legends team, representing the franchise's best players through 1970.

Cherundolo was born in Old Forge, Pa. He played football at Penn State University before beginning his professional career with the Cleveland Rams. He played for the Philadelphia Eagles for one season before joining the Steelers.

Cherundolo also coached in the NFL, including many years with the Steelers.

His daughter says he was amazed by improvements in safety gear and players' salaries over the years.

Rice wins Armed Forces Bowl, 33-14 over Air Force

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Freshman quarterback Driphus Jackson threw for 264 yards in relief of Rice's hurt starter, including two touchdown passes to Jordan Taylor, and the Owls beat Air Force 33-14 in the Armed Forces Bowl on Saturday.

Jackson's first series after taking over for Taylor McHargue ended with a bad pitch for a fumble near the goal line only 2 seconds before halftime, when the Owls (7-6) trailed 14-7.

But Jackson made up for it after halftime, when Rice scored 26 straight points. Taylor caught nine passes for 153 yards, with a 16-yard TD from McHargue in the first quarter.

McHargue never returned because of an apparent head injury after a helmet-to-helmet collision with about 5 minutes left in the first half.

Air Force (6-7), which scored on consecutive drives in the second quarter with backup quarterback Kale Pearson in the game, was held to a season-low 214 total yards.

Arizona St. beats Navy 62-28 in Fight Hunger Bowl

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Taylor Kelly threw four touchdown passes and ran for a fifth score to lead Arizona State to its first bowl win in seven years, a 62-28 victory over Navy in the Fight Hunger Bowl on Saturday.

Offensive MVP Marion Grice ran for 159 yards and two touchdowns for the Sun Devils (8-5), who used their fast-paced spread offense to score touchdowns on their first nine possessions.

That helped provided a bright end to a successful first season at Arizona State for coach Todd Graham, who helped the Sun Devils win their most games since 2007 and win a bowl for the first time since the 2005 Insight Bowl against Rutgers. The Sun Devils also capped their season by beating rival Arizona and winning a bowl, a feat they had accomplished just once in the past 33 seasons.

The Midshipmen (8-5) have lost five of their last six bowl games. Among the few highlights for Navy were Keenan Reynolds' 3-yard TD pass to Matt Aiken in the first half and a 95-yard kickoff return for a score by Gee Gee Greene in the third quarter.

Syracuse plows through WVU and snow, 38-14

NEW YORK (AP) — Prince-Tyson Gulley ran for 217 yards and had three touchdowns, Syracuse scored twice on safeties and the Orange bid a snow-covered farewell to the Big East with a 38-14 victory over West Virginia in the Pinstripe Bowl on Saturday.

Syracuse (8-5) will enter the Atlantic Coast Conference on a roll after finishing this season with six wins in its last seven games, capped by its second postseason victory at Yankee Stadium in the last three years.

In a bowl game played in a baseball stadium with weather better suited for a playoff game in Green Bay, the team that plays in a dome ended up being better equipped to handle the elements.

The Orange leaned on their running game to plow through former Big East rival West Virginia (7-6) and the snow. Jerome Smith added 158 yards rushing.

Irish get serious about preparing for Alabama

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Top-ranked Notre Dame finally got down to the serious business of getting ready to play defending national champion Alabama in the BCS title game on Jan. 7.

After weeks of some players and coaches traveling the nation for award shows, players finishing up the school year with finals and making trips home for Christmas, Notre Dame had its hardest hitting practice Saturday since its 22-13 victory over USC on Nov. 24 in the regular-season finale. Kelly plans another physical practice Sunday.

The starting defense practiced against the starting offense some on Saturday. "Just to keep the speed in the game. I don't want practices to slow down. When it becomes all scout team, it has a tendency to become a little bit slower pace," Kelly said.

Left guard Chris Watt said the Irish know they have to play physical against Alabama, which is giving up just 2.5 yards per rush. He said the Crimson Tide defensive linemen do a good job of getting their hands quickly inside on offensive linemen and getting off blocks.

"They all want to be first-rounders, so they're going to try to get to the ball and make plays," he said.

The Irish offense plans to play some up-tempo against Alabama (12-1), hoping to find some personnel advantages against the Crimson Tide and hope to cause some confusion on the defense. But Kelly said the problem against the Crimson Tide is there aren't any obvious weaknesses to exploit.

"There's not one of the 11 guys where you can go, 'Let's go attack him,'" Kelly said. "Where other weeks during the year we say, 'All right, let's get No. 4.' There's not a guy in the 11 you can say, 'We're going to do this.'"

The Irish also hope to spread the field against the Tide to try to overcome their size and athleticism.

"If you go in there and say, 'All right, we're just going to play between the tackles,' you're in for a long day," Kelly said. "We've got to be attacking all areas and getting the kind of matchups that we need offensively. Because we need to get big chunk plays, I'm just going to tell you right now. They know that. We know that."

One of the weaknesses for the Irish this season has been special teams. While the Irish rank sixth in the nation in total defense and 49th in total offense, they are 38th in net punting, 79th in kickoff defense, 83rd in kickoff returns and 115th in punt returns. Kelly said depth has been one of the problems. But the Irish will use more starters on special teams against the Crimson Tide.

"Maybe we can catch lightning in a bottle on a return or get a block, something to that affect," Kelly said.

Kelly also said the Irish will have an early curfew when they arrive in Miami on Jan. 2. He said he usually has a 2 a.m. curfew the first night or two on bowl trips so players can have fun.

He says the curfew in Miami will be 11 p.m. every night, saying the team is approaching it like a business trip.

"They all understand what it's all about going down to Miami. It's not about enjoying South Beach. This is about preparing for a national championship game," he said.

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Chicago State coach Tracy Dildy said. "The second half was all Ohio State."

Quinton Pippen, a nephew of ex-Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen, had 12 points for Chicago State (3-12), which fell to 0-11 away from home with its fourth straight defeat. The Cougars' regular season is half over already with one more game to play in 2012.

They don't get to go home right away, either. They play at Toledo on New Year's Eve. They also play the first two games of 2013 away, at No. 20 UNLV on Jan. 3 and then the Great West Conference opener on Jan. 12 at New Jersey Institute of

► **PREP ROUNDUP**

Crestview 69, Leetonia 62
LEETONIA — Crestview outlasted Leetonia Saturday night 69-62 in high school boys basketball action. Leading the Rebels was Robert Logan with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Collin Gilbert added 14 points and four assists, and Josh McDade had 14 points, 10 boards and four assists. Austin Eskra also added 12 points and three steals. For Leetonia, Cody Valentine had 25 points. Trent Ferry added 15. Crestview also won the reserve game 58-26. Eric Lloyd had 20 points. Crestview (5-4, 2-3 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Columbiana Friday. Leetonia hosts Youngstown Christian, also on Friday.

CRESTVIEW: 16 8 10 25 — 69
LEETONIA: 12 22 13 15 — 62
CRESTVIEW SCORING: Collin Gilbert 4-4-14, Austin Eskra 5-0-12, Josh McDade 6-2-14, Enzo Lucci 0-1-1, Robert Logan 12-1-25, Derek Bable 1-1-3. TEAM TOTALS: 28, 9-14, 69.
LEETONIA SCORING: Cody Valentine 8-6-25, Brandon Dattilio 3-2-9, Trent Ferry 5-5-15, Ian Stecker 2-2-7, Zack VanGiesen 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 21, 15-19, 62.
THREE POINTERS: Crestview 4 (Gilbert 2, Eskra 2), Leetonia 5 (Valentine 3, Dattilio, Sevensh).

► **TRANSACTIONS**

FOOTBALL
National Football League
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS Placed WR Terrance Copper on injured reserve. Signed WR Junior Hemmingway from the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS Activated DL Jermaine Cunningham. Signed WR Kamar Aiken and DB Malcolm Williams from the practice squad. Released DL Ron Brace.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS Agreed to terms with coach Sean Payton on a multiyear contract extension.
COLLEGE
CONNECTICUT Signed men's basketball coach Kevin Ollie to a contract extension through the end of the 2017-18 season.

► **NFL GLANCE**

AMERICAN CONFERENCE							
East							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-New England	11	4	0	.733	529	331	
Miami	7	8	0	.467	288	289	
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	272	347	
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	316	426	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Houston	12	3	0	.800	400	303	
x-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	329	371	
Tennessee	5	10	0	.333	292	451	
Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	235	406	
North							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Baltimore	10	5	0	.667	381	321	
x-Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	368	303	
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	312	304	
Cleveland	5	10	0	.333	292	344	
West							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Denver	12	3	0	.800	443	286	
San Diego	6	9	0	.400	326	329	
Oakland	4	11	0	.267	269	419	
Kansas City	2	13	0	.133	208	387	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE							
East							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Washington	9	6	0	.600	408	370	
Dallas	8	7	0	.533	358	372	
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	387	337	
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	273	402	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	402	277	
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	423	410	
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400	367	377	
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	313	325	
North							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Green Bay	11	4	0	.733	399	299	
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	342	314	
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	349	253	
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	348	411	
West							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-San Francisco	10	4	1	.700	370	260	
x-Seattle	10	5	0	.667	392	232	
St. Louis	7	7	1	.500	286	328	
Arizona	5	10	0	.333	237	330	
x-clinched playoff spot							
y-clinched division							
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Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.							
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.							
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.							
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.							
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.							
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.							
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.							
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.							
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.							
Oakland at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.							
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.							
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.							
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.							
Green Bay at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.							
Miami at New England, 4:25 p.m.							
Dallas at Washington, 8:20 p.m.							

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► **BROWNS NOTES**

Jeff Schudel's NFL notes: Looking at potential coaching candidates for the Browns
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Unless he surprises almost everyone by showing support for Pat Shurmur, CEO Joe Banner is going to begin a search for a new head coach for the Browns on Monday. If not then, he'll start making phone calls by Wednesday at the latest. Banner better get it right. He will have to move quickly, too, because he and owner Jimmy Haslam III won't be the only ones shopping for a new coach. Norv Turner in San Diego, Andy Reid in Philadelphia, Romeo Crennel in Kansas City, Chan Gailey in Buffalo, Ken Whisenhunt in Arizona, Mike Munchak in Tennessee and Mike Mularkey in Jacksonville all under-achieved in 2012. With the exception of the Chargers (Philip Rivers) each of those teams, including the Browns, had quarterback issues this season. The Browns did not underachieve. Most NFL experts predicted they wouldn't win more than two or three games. They carry a 5-10 record into Pittsburgh, but Haslam did not hire Shurmur so, fair or not, most fans want Haslam to fire him. For the record, I stand by my belief Haslam should stick with the status quo, but I do not expect that. Here are a few coaching candidates Banner could be considering: — Marty Mornhinweg, Eagles offensive coordinator: Mornhinweg, 50, was 5-27 as head coach of the Lions in 2001-02. Nobody had any luck coaching those teams put together by former Lions president Matt Millen. Reid hired Mornhinweg in 2003, an indication Reid looked beyond the Lions record to when he and Mornhinweg coached together under Mike Holmgren in Green Bay. This is Mornhinweg's 10th season with the Eagles. He is wiser from his failed stint with the Browns, but Haslam knows Mornhinweg well because Banner and Mornhinweg were together 10 years in Philadelphia. On the negative side, if Mornhinweg were a

legitimate hot coaching candidate, someone else should have hired him by now. — Nick Saban, head coach, Alabama: Never trust a Nick Saban denial. Besides, he never flat out said: "I absolutely am not leaving Alabama to coach the Browns after the BCS championship game." He did say he is perfectly happy at Alabama, that there are always challenges to keep the Tide rolling and that he doesn't "have many more moves left" in him at age 61. But he did not say he has no moves left. Beating Notre Dame on Jan. 7 for the BCS championship would mean four crystal footballs for Saban — one at LSU and three in the last four years at Alabama. He has already proven he is a great college coach. He was 15-17 for two years with the Miami Dolphins. The urge to prove he can coach in the NFL might be too difficult to resist. — Bruce Arians, Colts offensive coordinator: If anyone in the NFL has emerged as a leading head-coaching candidate this year it is Arians. He was the Colts interim head coach from Oct. 1 through Dec. 24 when Chuck Pagano was being treated for leukemia. The Colts won nine games with rookie quarterback Andrew Luck under Arians' watch. Arians is 60 years old. That could be a concern, but he relates well to Luck and the young Indianapolis players, so it shouldn't be. Arians has a strong pedigree that includes three years as Browns offensive coordinator under Butch Davis from 2001-2003. The Browns scored 344 points, finished 9-7 and made the playoffs in 2002 with Arians calling plays. The Browns fell to 5-11 and their point production fell to 254 points in 2003. Arians left the Browns to join the dark side as the Steelers receivers coach in 2004. He was promoted to offensive coordinator in 2007. The Steelers played in three Super Bowls and won two while Arians was in Pittsburgh. — Josh McDaniels, Patriots offensive coordinator: First off, the fact McDaniels was born and raised in Canton doesn't mean anything unless he is being hired to drive a city bus there. He has proven he is an excellent offensive coordinator with the Patriots but he did not prove to be a good head coach. He was 5-17 with the Broncos after starting out 6-0. He was fired with four games left in his second season. Broncos owner Pat Bowlen made a huge mistake when he hired McDaniels, then 32, to be the Bill Belichick of the Rocky Mountains. He gave McDaniels too much power. McDaniels tried and failed to get quarterback Matt Cassel from the Patriots, feuded with and then traded quarterback Jay Cutler to the Bears, traded Peyton Hillis plus draft picks to the Browns for Brady Quinn, changed the zone-blocking scheme that worked so well for Mike Shanahan in Denver and chose not to retain defensive coordinator Mike Nolan. With Banner running the show and likely to fire Tom Heckert in favor of another general manager, McDaniels would not be the dictator he was in Denver. However, Banner says the head coach should have final say on the roster.

Head coaches that failed the first go-around sometimes deserve a second chance. It worked for Belichick and could work for McDaniels. But think about the track record of coaches from the Belichick coaching tree. It is downright awful. Crennel, Eric Mangini, McDaniels and Charlie Weiss were all huge successes as coordinators under Belichick and colossal failures as head coaches. Plus, McDaniels would have to leave Tom Brady behind in Foxboro, Mass. — Ray Horton, Cardinals co-defensive coordinator: Horton is going to be a hot candidate and with so many openings he is bound to end up on some sideline as head coach next season — possibly right in Arizona if Whisenhunt is fired. The former comeback of the Bengals and Cowboys runs the defense ranked 12th in the league. The Cardinals have intercepted 22 passes, second-most in the NFL, and opposing quarterbacks have a league-worst 68.5 passer rating against the Cardinals defense. On the negative side, Arizona ranks 28th vs. the run. Also, the Cardinals play a 3-4 defense. The Browns are built for a 4-3 scheme. The line is the strength of the defense with huge tackles Ahtyba Rubin and Phil Taylor at the heart of it.

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fourth quarter, the Nets seemed to have regained control when they went ahead 92-81 with 7:07 remaining. But Miles nailed two 3-pointers around a pair of free throws, cutting it to five, and the Cavs eventually got it down to 100-97 on Thompson's follow shot with 47 seconds to go. Irving missed on a drive, then followed Williams' free

► **CAVS BOX**

CLEVELAND (100)
Gee 4-9 2-2 10, Thompson 5-11 7-8 17, Zeller 6-14 0-0 12, Irving 5-16 2-2 13, Walters 2-8 1-2 5, Walton 2-4 0-2 4, Miles 11-15 3-3 33, Pargo 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 38-82 15-19 100.
BROOKLYN (103)
Bogans 1-3 0-0 3, Wallace 1-6 5-8 7, Lopez 13-20 9-11 35, Williams 5-12 5-6 15, Johnson 6-13 2-2 15, Evans 1-5 5-6 7, Stackhouse 3-5 1-2 8, Blatche 2-5 2-4 7, Watson 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 35-75 29-39 103.
Cleveland 24 29 21 26—100
Brooklyn 34 27 18 24—103
3-Point Goals, Cleveland 9-20 (Miles 8-10, Irving 1-6, Walters 0-1, Gee 0-1, Walton 0-2), Brooklyn 4-15 (Blatche 1-1, Stackhouse 1-2, Bogans 1-2, Johnson 1-4, Watson 0-1, Wallace 0-2, Williams 0-3), Fouled Out, Zeller, Rebounds, Cleveland 47 (Thompson 15), Brooklyn 51 (Lopez 11), Assists, Cleveland 21 (Irving 7), Brooklyn 15 (Williams 7), Total Fouls, Cleveland 24, Brooklyn 16. A, 17,732 (17,732).

► **OSU BOX**

No. 10 OHIO ST. 87, CHICAGO ST. 44
CHICAGO ST. (3-12)
Robinson 0-4 0-0 0, Ross 2-4 0-2 5, Gray 1-3 0-0 3, Pippen 4-8 1-2 12, Rosenberg 0-6 0-0 0, Dismukes 3-11 1-3 7, Gage 0-0 0-0 0, Chamberlain 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 1-4 0-0 3, Duhon 1-4 7-7 9, Ukaigwe 0-1 1-2 1, Starks 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 13-49 12-18 44.
OHIO ST. (10-2)
Thomas 7-13 2-6 17, Thompson 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 1-2 2-4 4, Craft 4-6 1-1 10, Smith, Jr. 6-12 0-4 13, Scott 3-3 0-0 6, Ross 4-7 5-6 15, Rogers 0-0 0-0 0, Ravenel 2-6 1-2 5, Della Valle 3-4 2-4 11, McDonald 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-58 13-27 87.
Halftime, Ohio St. 37-24, 3-Point Goals, Chicago St. 6-18 (Pippen 3-6, Williams 1-1, Ross 1-3, Gray 1-3, Rosenberg 0-1, Dismukes 0-4), Ohio St. 8-17 (Della Valle 3-4, Ross 2-3, Craft 1-2, Smith, Jr. 1-3, Thomas 1-5), Fouled Out, Ukaigwe, Rebounds, Chicago St. 22 (Ross, Ukaigwe 3), Ohio St. 48 (Ravenel 10), Assists, Chicago St. 5 (Robinson 3), Ohio St. 20 (Craft 6), Total Fouls, Chicago St. 26, Ohio St. 16. A, 16,881.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	9	.700	—
Brooklyn	16	14	.533	5
Boston	14	14	.500	6
Philadelphia	14	16	.467	7
Toronto	11	20	.355	10½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	7	.741	—
Atlanta	19	9	.679	1½
Orlando	12	18	.400	9½
Charlotte	7	23	.233	14½
Washington	4	23	.148	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	17	13	.567	—
Milwaukee	15	12	.556	½
Chicago	15	12	.556	½
Detroit	10	22	.313	8
Cleveland	7	25	.219	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	23	8	.742	—
Memphis	18	8	.692	2½
Houston	16	13	.552	6
Dallas	12	18	.400	10½
New Orleans	7	23	.233	15½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	22	6	.786	—
Denver	17	14	.548	6½
Portland	14	14	.500	8
Minnesota	13	13	.500	8
Utah	15	16	.484	8½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	24	6	.800	—
Golden State	20	10	.667	4
L.A. Lakers	15	15	.500	9
Phoenix	11	19	.367	13
Sacramento	10	19	.345	13½
Friday's Games				
Indiana 97, Phoenix 91				
Washington 105, Orlando 97				
Atlanta 102, Cleveland 94				
Brooklyn 97, Charlotte 81				
Detroit 109, Miami 99				
Toronto 104, New Orleans 97, OT				
Denver 106, Dallas 85				
San Antonio 122, Houston 116				
L.A. Clippers 116, Utah 114				
Sacramento 106, New York 105				
Golden State 96, Philadelphia 89				
L.A. Lakers 104, Portland 87				
Saturday's Games				
Atlanta 109, Indiana 100				
New Orleans 98, Charlotte 95				
Toronto 123, Orlando 88				
Brooklyn 103, Cleveland 100				
Chicago 87, Washington 77				
Oklahoma City 124, Houston 94				
Memphis 81, Denver 72				
Minnesota 111, Phoenix 107				
Philadelphia at Portland, (n)				
Boston at Golden State, (n)				
Sunday's Games				
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.				
Boston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.				
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Charlotte at Chicago, 3 p.m.				
Memphis at Indiana, 3 p.m.				
Miami at Orlando, 5 p.m.				
Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m.				
Brooklyn at San Antonio, 7 p.m.				
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.				

► NFL

Saints, coach Sean Payton agree to terms on deal

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints and suspended coach Sean Payton will indeed be together again next season as the bounty scandal fades into history and the bid to win a second Super Bowl resumes.

Payton has agreed in principle to a multiyear contract extension, the team said.

“Very happy it is official,” quarterback Drew Brees said in an email to the AP. “Never had any doubts.”

Payton was due to begin his sev-

enth season as the Saints’ head coach in 2012 before being suspended for the whole season by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in connection with the NFL’s bounty investigation.

“I am pleased that Sean Payton will be our head coach for a long time,” owner Tom Benson said in a statement. “Now we can focus our attention on building on the winning tradition with the Saints that Sean has played such a large role in.”

Payton signed an extension in

2011 worth more than \$6 million a year that would have kept him in New Orleans through 2015, but Goodell objected to certain language in that deal, leaving Payton’s future uncertain until the deal was reached Friday.

The language in question in the previous extension gave Payton the right to opt out early if general manager Mickey Loomis left the club for any reason.

The new agreement also must be approved by the NFL. The team did not disclose the length of the

extension or financial terms.

Payton is the only coach in Saints history to win a Super Bowl, a title earned at the end of the 2009 season.

But his legacy was tarnished by the NFL’s bounty probe, as Goodell ruled that Payton failed to exert proper institutional control over a cash-for-hits bounty program run by former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams from 2009-2011.

Although the Saints objected to the characterization of what coaches and players have said was

nothing more than a performance pool for big plays, Goodell suspended Payton for the entire season. The commissioner also suspended Loomis for half of the season and assistant head coach Joe Vitt for six games.

Payton is 62-34 in regular-season games as Saints coach and 5-3 in the postseason.

During the three seasons before his suspension, the Saints won 41 regular-season and playoff games combined, more than any other team in the NFL.

BENGALS FROM 1B

If they win on Sunday and New England loses, it will be the Bengals (9-6), who have lost their last four games against the Ravens but wouldn’t be intimidated by facing a familiar team. Cincinnati is locked in as the sixth seed, also waiting to find out where it will go for the first round.

Could be Baltimore. Or New England. Or Houston. Or even Denver.

“We don’t know,” safety Chris Crocker said. “You have an inkling of who it may be. But you really focus on the Baltimore Ravens. They put a licking on us in the first game of the season.”

The Ravens opened the

season impressively, beating the Bengals 44-13 on a Monday night. The teams then took very different paths to the playoffs — Baltimore won nine of its first 11 games, went into a slump on offense, changed coordinators, lost three straight games and finally nailed down the division title last week. Cincinnati opened 3-5 but has made the playoffs by winning six of its last seven on the strength of an emerging defense.

The final regular season game represents a chance for both to fine-tune offenses that have plenty of room for improvement.

Baltimore’s has been so inconsistent that coach John Harbaugh fired coordinator Cam Cameron and elevated quarterbacks coach Jim

Caldwell for the last two games. Baltimore still looked out of sorts during a 34-17 home loss to Denver, its third straight defeat.

The offense had its best moments last week during the 33-14 win over the Giants, piling up a season-high 533 yards. Joe Flacco was sharp, throwing for 309 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Rice and Bernard Pierce each ran for more than 100 yards.

“We needed that,” Rice said. “We needed that, especially coming off that three-game skid. For us to come out there and execute the way we did, that’s definitely a confidence booster.”

The focus Sunday will be on Flacco, who is usually impressive against Cincinnati. Flacco has completed 71 per-

cent of his passes in the last four games against the Bengals — all victories — with five touchdowns, two interceptions and a passer rating of 106.9.

Flacco finally looked comfortable in the Ravens’ up-tempo approach against the Giants.

“Obviously, it worked pretty well and there are always things that we can work on,” Flacco said. “We’re working every week to improve those things and get as good as we can get. But it was a good point, and a good game for us to build off of and try to kind of carry into the next few weeks.”

Cincinnati’s offense is still looking for a break-out game.

The Bengals have reached the playoffs on the strength

of their defense, which has held six of the last seven opponents to 13 points or fewer. The defense outscored the offense last Sunday — Leon Hall’s interception for a touchdown set up a 13-10 win in Pittsburgh. The Bengals managed only 14 yards rushing on 16 carries.

“We do have to try to establish some kind of running game getting into the playoffs,” offensive coordinator Jay Gruden said. “It would be nice.”

The offense got the season off to a lousy start in Baltimore on Sept. 10. Safety Ed Reed returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown that set up the 31-point win, one of the worst season-opening drubbings in Bengals history.

They’ve waited for the rematch.

“It just happens to be a team that beat us pretty good last time,” quarterback Andy Dalton said. “So we’ve got to come out and we’ve got to do everything we can to execute like we know we can. If we do that, I don’t think it will turn out anything like it did the first time.”

It’s something of a dress rehearsal for two playoff-bound teams.

“The truth is, both of us are teams that are going to playing an extra week,” Bengals left tackle Andrew Whitworth said. “It’s also an early test to both of us to be playing the kind of ball you have to play in the playoffs to make it to where you want to go.”

END FROM 1B

seasons next fall.

“There is going to be plenty of speculation on the side of fans and media members and people that are interested,” Thomas said. “It doesn’t affect us. We don’t have any say in what happens, so all we can really focus on is things that we have control over, and that’s how we play against the Steelers on Sunday.”

A victory would give Cleveland its first sweep of its rival since 1988, not an insignificant milestone. Shurmur believes that’s incentive enough to keep his team from focusing on what

will happen after the final gun sounds.

“I ask the players not to think of anything beyond Sunday” said Shurmur, who is 9-22 in two seasons. “At least to this point they have done a good job of sticking with me on those types of messages.” There figures to be no overhaul on the sideline in Pittsburgh, but there may be plenty of turnover on a roster that’s used to having its season end in January or beyond. The core that’s helped the Steelers to two Super Bowl titles and three Super Bowl appearances over the last eight years may finally disintegrate through age and attrition.

Fixtures like nose tackle Casey Hampton and left

tackle Max Starks will be free agents and neither seem to be quite ready to call it a career. The 35-year-old Hampton understands the salary cap math may make it difficult for him to return while Starks isn’t ready to cede his starter’s spot to Marcus Gilbert, who missed most of the season with an ankle injury.

“They’re businesspeople,” Starks said. “I look at it as this would have been the end of my original deal that I signed four years ago. Obviously, the last two years I’ve taken minimum salary. I’ve got to make that up.”

Even if Starks has to do it someplace else, something Hampton isn’t ruling out either.

“I want to play and I feel like if somebody wants me to play for them I’m going to play,” Hampton said. “That’s just what it is.”

It’s not exactly the way the Steelers envisioned their regular season finale. They were 6-3 the week after Election Day, but things started to unravel when quarterback Ben Roethlisberger sprained his right shoulder and dislocated a rib in a 16-13 overtime win against Kansas City on Nov. 12.

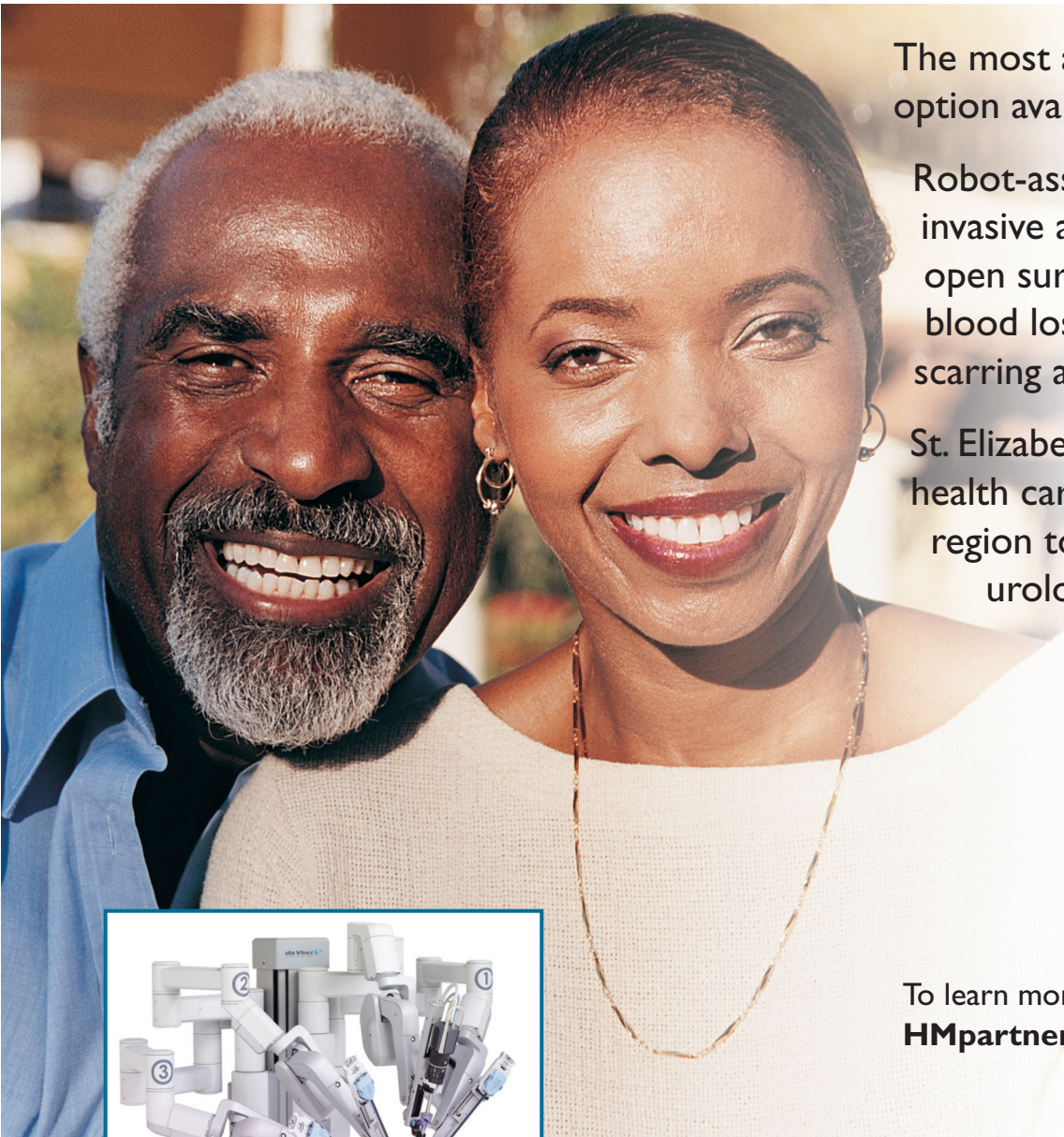
Pittsburgh dropped two of three with Roethlisberger out of the lineup, including an eight-turnover disaster in Cleveland. The expected bounce from Roethlisberger’s return, however, didn’t happen.

The Steelers are 0-3 since Roethlisberger came back, struggling to generate any sort of consistency. Roethlisberger has taken responsibility for the losing streak. He tossed game-deciding interceptions in each of the last two weeks, including an ill-advised pick in the final seconds of regulation against Cincinnati last week that allowed the Bengals to escape with a 13-10 win.

“I think a lot of it has to do with my play, not playing well down the stretch and fourth-quarter drives or last-minute throws, just not making it happen,” Roethlisberger said. “I guess my best is answer to you is probably because I didn’t play well enough.”

As a result, the Steelers will enter a long offseason with plenty of issues to address. The quarterback knows the time to deal with them is coming soon. He knows some good friends likely won’t be around the next time the Steelers play. It’s part of the game, but something he’s not ready to think about. He’d prefer to focus on avoiding the first losing season of his nine-year career.

“You never want to lose anybody and you don’t want to think about it being the last game,” Roethlisberger said. “I’m just not going to think about it. I’m going to cherish the time I get with these guys and go forward from there.”



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HORO SCOPE
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, December 30, 2012

The Leo moon is a playful diva, working out exactly what she has to do to steal the spotlight. Those who know that they are entertaining will find this to be a hospitable time to weave their magic, mesmerize a group and win audience approval. We all need a little fun in our lives, and right now we're willing to pay dearly for it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you get signs from the universe not to do something but you really want to do it anyway, try to find the bigger person inside you and heed the signs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You need a way of organizing your time to get the most of these final days of the year. List-making will serve you well. Bonus: When you get it out of your head and onto the page, you'll sleep better, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will see through the artificial aspects of the world. You'll realize that you do have time to do what you really want to do if you change your expectations and another person's, as well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in an innovative mood, drawn to what hasn't been done before. Also, you see a real need for new solutions. If anyone can crack the code and uncover the mystery, you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Anyone can make the easy, feel-good choice. But is that really the best one? Right now the comfortable choice is being offered out of a desire to control others. You don't want to be controlled. You'd rather do what's hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll gather sacred knowledge under the guidance of elders. This probably won't be a mystical process. Rather, it's simply that experienced people tell you what to do, and you do it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get organized in your own head. You're after something that you can't quite put your finger on. Does wanting more make you greedy or ungrateful? No, it makes you human.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's nothing magical about the way you're going to create a certain outcome. You're going to get in there and do the work. Figuratively speaking, the dirtier your hands get they more successful you'll be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll spend more time on things that really matter, fully aware of how those things often go masquerading as mundane happenings. An attractive someone points the way tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't want more to do, but it has become obvious that a dynamic will not change unless you do something. You'll take responsibility for a situation and be empowered by the move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may be worried about what's going to slip through the cracks as you try to accomplish everything you want and need to do by the end of the year. Accept that you can't do it all, and have a little fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People think it's not easy to be relentlessly positive, but when you truly feel blessed, it's not hard at all. Someone in your environment will be irresistibly attracted to your positivity.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 30). Maintain a positive self-concept. The care and treats you give yourself lead to good fortune. Stop comparing yourself to your peers. You're truly in a league of your own and will prove that with this year's unusual success story. You'll come into money in February. Creativity and children will be a main feature. Leo and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 11, 28 and 50.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK
AHEAD: Mercury moves into Capricorn on New Year's Eve, making us increasingly aware of the power structures and relationships that must be navigated for maximum growth and enjoyment of the new year. Creating mutually beneficial relationships will be a No. 1 order of business. If parties are on your agenda, you'll have a feeling about who would be good to know and why. These are the last few weeks of Jupiter's retrograde. There is much speculative work that will pay off later. It's safe to go forward in full faith that the check really is in the mail, that people are good for their word, and that most prefer arrangements and exchanges in which everyone gets something that is personally valuable out of the deal.

The upcoming trine between Mars and Jupiter in intellectual air signs has a simple, clear-cut message: A little less emotion and a little more logic make exciting things possible. Anyone can win if they keep at it long enough. There is a simple formula for success. Nothing is doomed. Everything is possible if you're willing to work at it. There is no failure, only giving up. If you really want something, don't quit until you have it. Whatever isn't bringing the desired result needs to stop. Then you evaluate and rework it. Repeat the process until you do get the desired result.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Former "Today" and "The View" co-host Meredith Vieira is reviving Bree Flanders, the role she originated on "General Hospital" 10 years ago. Vieira is classically Capricorn, with the amazing ability to balance an enormously successful and varied career with the responsibilities and joys of motherhood and marriage. Capricorns are hard workers and adept at prioritizing.

ANTIQUES
BY TERRY KOVEL

The Edwardian period of furniture design falls in the years between Victorian and Art Deco. It is named for King Edward VII of England, who reigned from 1901 to 1910. Some experts say it is not just the years that the furniture was made but also the design that makes it Edwardian. Some claim influences from earlier periods and say that a combination of Georgian, Victorian and Art Nouveau created the new Edwardian style. Collectors have to rely on appearance, since it is so difficult to know exactly when a chair was made.

Designers working after 1901 created a chair that looked lighter in weight than a Victorian chair and used pastels rather than dark colors. Fabrics and wallpaper with flowers became popular. Chairs had scrolled backs and legs, similar to Art Nouveau designs but thinner and less "tangled." Bamboo and wicker were introduced, and many pieces were made of lightweight wood and mother-of-pearl inlay. Seats were made with thin padding and thin fitted cushions. It has not been a popular style with collectors, but it's enjoyed by decorators and homeowners.

Today both period and reproduction pieces are a good buy. Most are made of solid wood, not plywood, and use upholstery fabrics of damask, silk or other natural materials, not modern synthetics. A 1910 Edwardian settee sold for \$344 at a Doyle New York auction this year. Chairs sell for a few hundred dollars. Sofas go for less than \$500 at auction.

Q: My friend who gave me her old upright piano also gave me the antique piano shawl she always draped over the piano. It's 52 inches square and appears to be black silk crepe. It's reversible and covered in embroidered pink roses. The fringe around the whole shawl is 15 inches long, with smocking around the edge of the fabric. Is the shawl valuable?

A: Many piano shawls like yours were made in Spain in the 1890s. They sell for \$50 to \$100 if they're in very good condition, with full fringe and without holes.

Q: My mother-in-law gave me one of her old alligator purses. It's in great shape and has a label inside that reads "Rosenfeld." Have you heard of that maker? How old is the purse?

A: Harry Rosenfeld was an American designer active from the 1930s into the '70s. His designs were made by several different manufacturers.

The bags were sold at high-end department stores and at Harry Rosenfeld Handbags, a shop on Madison Avenue in New York City.

Rosenfeld designed bags in all sorts of styles, using all kinds of materials. But it is likely that your alligator purse dates from the 1930s, '40s or '50s, when alligator bags were at the peak of their popularity. The value of your bag depends not only on designer and condition, but also on style. It could sell for less than \$100 or more than \$300.

Q: My dad owned a funeral home in Cincinnati and liked collecting antiques. He left me his collection of paperweights made by Crane & Breed, a Cincinnati coffin manufacturer. The paperweights include an Egyptian sarcophagus, Scottie dog, alligator, camel, frog, turtle, bear, sailboat and ghost. I don't want to sell them, but I'd like to know how old they are and what they're worth.

A: Crane & Breed took over a Cincinnati coffin-manufacturing business in 1854 and stayed in business until 1973. The company held several patents on coffins and coffin parts, and sold coffins to funeral homes in several states. Today collectors know about Crane & Breed mainly because of its collectible paperweights. From the late 1800s into the early 1900s, the company gave away promotional bronze novelty paperweights to funeral homes and their employees. Today, the sarcophagus paperweight sells for close to \$400, but most of the others are going for less than \$20.

Q: I own a glass dish that has a portrait of a man in the center and the words "We mourn our nation's loss" inscribed around it. There's a wide border of swags around the dish. We think the dish has something to do with President Garfield and also something to do with Vermont. It has been in our family for more than 70 years and we would like to know its history and value.

A: Your plate was made as a memorial to President James A. Garfield, who was assassinated in 1881. The center picture is a bust of Garfield. The pattern is called "Garfield Drape," but it's sometimes called "Canadian Drape." It has been attributed to Adams & Co. of Pittsburgh, but more recent research suggests that it may have been made by Burlington Glass Works of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Perhaps that's how it got the name "Canadian Drape." The pattern was

first made in the 1870s. After Garfield died, memorial plates in that pattern were made with his bust in the middle. The only connection to Vermont is that Vice President Chester A. Arthur, who became president after Garfield's death, was born in Vermont. Different versions of your plate were made. Some include the words "Born Nov 19, 1831, Shot July 2, 1881, Died Sep 19, 1881." A colored glass Garfield memorial plate retails for about \$75.

Q: My vintage alligator handbag includes the taxidermied head of the alligator. The bag, made in Cuba, was originally purchased at a high-end New York City store. What is it worth?

A: We frequently see alligator-head bags like yours at antiques shows. They sell for about \$150 to \$200, depending on quality and condition.

Tip: Moths seem to like to eat natural undyed horsehair but, strangely, do not eat dyed hair. Use mothballs and other detergents to protect braided hair-work and stuffed furniture.

CURRENT PRICES
Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

- Depression glass bonbon, English hobnail, hexagonal, handle, 6 inches, \$15.
- Dome-top trunk, oak, blue paint, iron strapping, handles, 1700s, 22 1/2 x 36 1/2 inches, \$230.
- Tobacco jar, dog, double head, black, white, Staffordshire, 6 x 4 inches, \$298.
- Wedgwood ewer, Greek figures, black basalt, handle, impressed, mark, 7 inches, \$369.
- Flip the Frog figurine, celluloid, moveable arms, hat and bowtie, c. 1930, 6 1/2 inches, \$511.
- Fireplace fender, brass, tin, reticulated Gothic designs, ball feet, 1800s, 9 1/2 x 30 1/4 inches, \$776.
- Slipper chair, Aesthetic Revival, giltwood, carved, pietra dura plaque, turned legs, c. 1880, \$1,315.
- Solar lamp, Gothic Revival, etched glass, bronze, cluster column, c. 1840, 33 3/4 inches, \$1,554.
- Ladle, soup, silver, Gothic style, William Gale & Son, 1853-66, 14 inches, \$2,270.
- Harp, Gothic style, 47 strings, gilt, R. & L. Lewis, N.Y., c. 1850, 69 inches, \$6,871.

Rihanna donates \$1.75M to hospital

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — Pop star Rihanna has given \$1.75 million to a hospital in her Caribbean homeland of Barbados in memory of her late grandmother.

Rihanna says the donation to buy three pieces of medical equipment was her way of "giving back to Barbados."

She made the comments during a Saturday ceremony with relatives at the island's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The hospital's radiotherapy unit has been renamed the Clara Braithwaite Center for Oncology and Nuclear Medicine after Rihanna's grandmother, who died in June.

Rihanna recently released "Unapologetic," her seventh album in seven years.

Dempsey purchases coffee shop chain

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick Dempsey says he wants to rescue a coffee house chain and more than 500 jobs.

The "Grey's Anatomy" star said Wednesday he's leading a group attempting to buy Tully's Coffee. The Seattle-based company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October.

Dempsey said he's excited about the chance to help hundreds of workers and give back to Seattle. The actor has a strong TV tie to the city: He plays Dr. Derek Shepherd on "Grey's Anatomy," the ABC drama set at fictional Seattle Grace Hospital.

Tully's has 47 company-run stores in Washington and California, as well as five franchised stores and 58 licensed locations in the U.S.

Any sale would have to be approved by a judge. A bankruptcy court hearing is set for Jan. 11 in Seattle.

Increase in e-reading, drop in paper books

NEW YORK (AP) — The tastes of the reading public are turning digital.

A Pew Internet Research Center survey released Thursday found that the percentage of Americans aged 16 and older who read an e-book grew from 16 percent in 2011 to 23 percent this year. Readers of traditional books dropped from 72 percent to 67 percent. Overall, those reading books of any kind dropped from 78 percent to 75 percent, a shift Pew called statistically insignificant.

Those owning an e-book device or tablet jumped from 18 percent to 33 percent, with much of that increase coming from last year's holiday season, when millions received Kindles, Nooks and other e-readers as gifts.

Awareness that libraries offer digital texts grew from 24 percent to 31 percent.

The telephone survey of 2,252 people aged 16 and older was conducted from Oct. 15 to Nov. 10. It has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

strength to persevere despite desolation and debilitating injuries. But man, is this thing heavy-handed. Watts and Ewan McGregor play Maria and Henry, a happily married British couple spending Christmas at a luxury resort in Thailand with their three adorable sons. (The real-life family whose story inspired the film was Spanish; changing their ethnicity and casting famous people to play them seems like a rather transparent attempt to appeal to a larger audience.) During a quiet morning by the pool, the first massive wave comes ashore, scattering the family and thousands of strangers across the devastated landscape. "The Impossible" tracks their efforts to survive, reconnect, find medical care and get the hell out of town. The near-misses at an overcrowded hospital are just too agonizing to be true, and the uplifting score swells repeatedly in overpowering fashion to indicate how we should feel. Surely, the inherent drama of this story could have stood on its own two feet.

PG-13 for intense, realistic disaster sequences, including disturbing injury images, and brief nudity. 107 minutes. Two stars out of four. — Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Apatow matures with ‘40,’ ‘Reacher’ clever

► **“This Is 40”** — Every inch a Judd Apatow movie, from the pop culture references and potty mouths to the blunt body humor and escapist drug use. And like all of Apatow's movies, it's a good 20 minutes too long. But within that affectionately messy sprawl lies a maturation, an effort to convey something deeper, more personal and more substantive. That goes beyond the casting of his real-life wife, Leslie Mann, as half of the couple in question, and the Apatow children, Maude and Iris, as the family's daughters in this sort-of sequel to the 2007 hit "Knocked Up." As writer and director, Apatow seems more interested in finding painful nuggets of truth than easy laughs. Much of the banter between longtime Los Angeles marrieds Pete (Paul Rudd) and Debbie (Mann) can be very funny, but frequently it's raw and painful as they have the kind of conversations about kids, finances and sex that might make many people in the audience feel an uncomfortable shiver of recognition. The film takes place during the three-week period when Pete and Debbie are both turning 40 (although Debbie likes to pretend she's still 38). Birthday parties, fights about money, school confrontations, bratty kid flare-ups and awkward attempts at reconciling with parents are among the many events that occur during this vulnerable time of transition. The strong supporting cast includes Albert Brooks, John Lithgow, Jason Segel and a surprisingly funny Megan Fox.

R for sexual content, crude humor, pervasive language and some drug material. 133 minutes. Three stars out of four. — Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

► **“Jack Reacher”** — The idea of watching a movie in which a sniper methodically manufactures his own bullets, practices weekly at a gun range, then waits quietly in an empty parking garage before shooting five people dead may not sound like the most appealing form of entertainment during these tragic days. Nevertheless, it's important to assess "Jack Reacher" on its own terms, for what it is and what it isn't. Besides being caught in some unfortunate timing, it's also clever, well-crafted and darkly humorous, and it features one of those effortless bad-ass performances from Tom Cruise that remind us that he is indeed a movie star, first and foremost. OK, so maybe Cruise doesn't exactly resemble the Reacher of British novelist Lee Child's books: a 6-foot-5, 250-pound, blond behemoth. If you haven't read them, you probably won't care. Even if you have read them, Christopher McQuarrie's film — the first he's directed and written since 2000's "The Way of the Gun" — moves so fluidly and with such confidence, it'll suck you in from the start. Jack Reacher is a former military investigator who's become a bit of a mythic figure since he's gone off the grid. When the deadly shooting occurs at the film's start, authorities believe they've quickly found their man: a sniper who's ex-Army himself. He reveals nothing during his interrogation but manages to scribble the words "Get Jack Reacher" on a notepad before winding up in a coma. But when Reacher arrives and reluctantly agrees to help the defense attorney (Rosamund Pike) investigate, he finds the case isn't nearly as simple as it seems.

PG-13 for violence, language and some drug material. 130 minutes. Three stars out of four. — Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

► **“Not Fade Away”** — "The Sopranos" boss David Chase's somewhat autobiographical drama about a Jersey boy in a 1960s rock band would be called a promising first feature from some unknown filmmaker doing the rounds at Sundance. Coming from a Hollywood heavyweight who's spent decades in the TV trenches, it's a hopeful sign, or maybe just wishful thinking, that more of the quality that has fled film for television might somehow be channeled back to the big screen. Chase's directing debut is a sweet, sad, smart and satisfying piece of nostalgia, at least partly inspired by his own youthful experiences as a drummer in a New Jersey band. Like "The Sopranos," much of the drama arises out of generational conflict, in this case rebellious son Douglas (John Magaro) and his pragmatic, my-way-or-the-highway dad ("Sopranos" star James Gandolfini). Infected by music of the British invasion, chiefly the Rolling Stones, Douglas and some pals form a band that few will ever hear about. From there we get not the overdone tale of a group on the rise and struggling with the pitfalls of fame and success. Instead, we get the genuine and more illuminating story of all those losers who didn't make it. Great '60s period detail gives the film authenticity. Aided by "Sopranos" co-star and E Street Band member Steven Van Zandt, Chase assembles a killer soundtrack ranging from the Stones, the Beatles and the Kinks to Bo Diddley, Robert Johnson and Elmore James.

R for pervasive language, some drug use and sexual content. 112 minutes. Three stars out of four. — David Germain, AP Movie Writer

► **“West of Memphis”** — "The Hobbit" director Peter Jackson reveals the results of his own unexpected journey in this magnificent documentary, which chronicles how an unwavering band of filmmakers, artists

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South Side Middle School students visit Gingerbread House

Maria Pontikos' class at the Columbiana South Side Middle School recently visited the Gingerbread House at the Joy of Christmas light show for a class field trip. Pictured with the gingerbread house the class created as a group project are, back, from left, Maria Pontikos, Kylee Estes, Carla Spaite, Robin Stewart, Noah Delong, Karla King; front row, from left, Angel Simko, Madelin Lutman, Quin Chamberlain, Alexis Krosky and Kierstan Estes. (Submitted photo)



Lisbon fourth graders put reading to a great cause

Fourth students at McKinley Elementary School have donated 3,618 books reading in the Scholastic Paws Reading Program. Fourth grade teacher Elizabeth Gallo noted that the students could help others by simply doing what they were supposed to do each night – read for 20 minutes. The only additional item the students would need to do was log their minutes. The program began in September and ended Dec. 14. The students joined a team of either Cats or Dogs and pledged to read every day. For each 20 minutes of reading a child logged, a free book will be donated to a child in need. One million books were donated by Scholastic Book Clubs Classrooms Care and its literacy partners. Some of these books will go to victims of hurricane Sandy. The students read and logged 72,414 minutes. Certificates were awarded to students who read and logged in over 600 minutes of reading. Students in the above photo, front, Brooke Sandman; first row, from left, Kiana Howe, Zane Tullis, Lorelei Phillips, Brandy Achberger, Phoenix Stephens, Jacob Grodhaus; second row, from left, Brookelynn vanGiesen, Taylor Deland, Chloe Davis, Stefani Thompson, Garrett Medure; third row, from left, Raegan Loy, Tyler Welsh, Alexis Gregory, Maddie Adkins, Harley Buzzard; fourth row, from left, Paige Foley, Emma Lockhart, Blayne Brownfield, Jason Steves; fifth row, Maddie Buchanan; sixth row, from left, Madelyn Wells, Dillon Ardeno, Noah Hetherington, Nate Hallock; seventh row, from left, Ayla Crawford, Larry Woods, Aeryn Sheridan, Breanna Tucker; eighth row, from left, Nik Rife, Ellie Emmerling and Aaron Hinchliffe. (Submitted photo)



MCCTC students create ornaments

Students in the Early Childhood Education program at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center used ordinary items to create ornaments for the Green Team's Christmas tree. The students were led by Early Childhood Education Instructor Julie Pagnotta. Using modge podge, newspapers and colored tissue paper Mariah Cuevas of Austintown, from left, created unique colorful ornaments that can be hung on the tree with paper clips. Also pictured are Brianna Eckman of West Branch and Cierra Duvall of Springfield who cut paper towels into strips, painted them red and attached them together to form poinsettias. The ornaments were part of a project created by The Green Team to have students create ornaments out of recyclable materials to decorate their Christmas tree at Fellow Riverside Gardens. (Submitted photo)

Southern Local Elementary School honor roll

All As First Grade:

Lindsey Bregar, Chloe Echols, Esther Forbes, Kenneth Frischkorn, Carson Little, Jonathan McCartney, Kaiden McCulley, Lillian Patterson.

Honor Roll First Grade:

Grace Alley, Aleah Bach, Jaylen Boudreaux, Aiden Brothers, Landon Bryarley, Aidan Cochran, Ainsley Cochran, Adam Colussy, Maddox Dickey, Wesley Dickson, Alexis Ensinger, Katie Ketchum, Starlyn Matthews, Rylee Mellott, Marah Morris, Tyler Rawlings, Paige Riggs, Camden Sampson, Frank Shagnot, Ashley Shroades, Josie Stanley, Samantha Vest, Henry Williams.

All As Second Grade:

Owen Board, Brooke Brown, Eric Colussy, Jhenna Corbin, Chelsea Groves, Abigail Hamilton, Payton Hersman, Brady Ketchum, Darrell Kramer, Noah Perfetto, Levi Roberts, Andrea Rodgers, Nick Sabbato, Gavin Tribelo, Zack Tribelo.

Honor Roll Second Grade:

Shirley Adkins, Zoey Almy, Catherine Amato, Hunter Baldwin, Kayla Berkheimer, Emma Black, Grace Brothers, Levi Bryarley, Aryana Crooms, Faith Donaldson, Cooper Edmiston, Angel Gray, Phillip Gregory, Rebecca Hawke, Collin Heiney, Trenton Humphreys, Ella Joy, Zachary Ludt, Charles McCulley, Kya McCulley, Elizabeth McKinnon, Wyatt Morris, Madison Nicholson, Ashtyn Osborn, Ashton Parrish, Ashton Pitts, Wyatt Reeves, Jason Riggs, Brandon Sheville, Aiden Spahlinger, Shawn Wood.

All As Third Grade:

Logan Rhodes, Jonell Wade, Emily Walker.

Honor Roll Third Grade:

Hannah Adkins, Mariah Anderson, Sebastian Bach, Ryan Burton, Hayden Domer, Robert Ebert, Alexander Eltringham, Jacob Gray, James Hill, Ryley Mason, Emily May, Ella Mosch, Elizabeth Mostella, Scott Pelley, Caleb Rawson, Ella Rose,

Marissa Stewart, Xavier Stoffer, Montana Thomas, Hannah Williams.

All As Fourth Grade:

Emma Duncan, Conner Lewis, Sam May, Camryn Mellott, Joshua Pratt, Brock Smalley, Timmy West.

Honor Roll Fourth Grade:

Tyler Beadnell, Garrett Brewer, James Burris, Arianna Goley, Zachary Halfhill, Isabelle Hoyt, Lindsay Ingledue, Cassandra Lucyk, AleXa May, Jacob McClellan, Jessica Piatt, Jayla Smith, Nathaniel Webster.

All As Fifth Grade:

Erin Boyle, Dalton Frischkorn, Christopher McVay, Tanner Patterson, Mason Tribelo, Nick Utt, Ivy Winters, Myka Woodford.

Honor Roll Fifth Grade:

Cami Chuey, Latrell Crute, Taylor Cunningham, Jaiden Harris, Brooke Hooper, Madison Howdershelt, Lucas Huff, Angel Johnson, Kylie Ketchum, Bethany McCartney, Mikayla McCulley, Kylee Mehaffey, Madison Paxson, Gavin Phillips, Jayden Powell, Steven Richards, Andrea Ravis, Liam Rose, Logan Rose, Kasinda Schmidt, Katie Short, Rebecca Show, Trisha Wintermantel, Camron Wood.

All As Sixth Grade:

Peyton Davidson, Sarah Dean, Victor Duncan, Christian Hopper, Kevin Kovar, Skyler Lewis, Samantha Michael.

Honor Roll Sixth Grade:

Katelyn Bailey, Madison Berta, Katelyn Beveridge, Joseph Blazer, Amanda Bowling, Hannah Boyd, Hailey Brock, Trisha Brown, Jasmine Earich-Vietmeier, Curtis Ebert, Riley Felton, Austin Frischkorn, Hannah Hayes, Somer Madden, Nicholas May, Alexis Rhodes, Austin Roberts, Justin Roberts, Garrett Rodgers, Madison Sanders, Chloe Sorgman, Andrew Wilson.



Santa Claus visits Quaker Preschool and Day Care Center

Quaker Community Preschool and Day Care Center in the First United Methodist Church at 244 S. Broadway Ave., Salem, recently held its annual Christmas program. Pictured are the children and a very special guest, Santa Claus. They sang Christmas carols and enjoying many holiday treats. (Submitted photo)

New Year's Day... now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.

—Mark Twain, American author and humorist, 1835-1910

OUR SIDE

We should honor vets of WW I

The last doughboy, Frank Buckles, spent his final years enjoying his West Virginia farm and battling valiantly to do something important for the comrades who passed on before him. Now it appears his modest dream is about to be crushed.

Buckles was the last of about 4.7 million Americans who served in the military during World War I. He died last year at 110 years of age. The very last veteran of the Great War from any country, an English woman, died in February.

During his last years at his farm near Charles Town, Buckles fought his last battle. He believed those with whom he went "over there" deserved a monument in Washington, D.C. Although a memorial to veterans of the District of Columbia exists, the nation's capital has no monument honoring all Americans who served in what they and many others hoped would be the war to end wars.

Veterans of other major conflicts are honored with monuments in Washington. Buckles was right to wonder why those with whom he served were not recognized in a similar manner.

There is a National World War I Museum and accompanying Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Mo. But again, there is nothing in our nation's capital to memorialize the generation that made the United States a major player on the world stage — at the cost of 116,516 Americans, among millions of others worldwide.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., has introduced two bills to fulfill Buckles' wish — and to do the right thing.

But recently, a bill fast-tracked through the Senate by Missouri's two senators threatened to shelve the Buckles Bill, as it had been named. The new measure would provide only for creation of a centennial commission to determine how to commemorate World War I (1914-18). It would not provide for the memorial Buckles sought.

Indeed there ought to be a centennial observance.

But there also should be a memorial to all the nation's World War I veterans in Washington.

The cost of such a monument would be comparatively small, so money is not the problem. What is?

We simply don't know. Neither did the last doughboy. He thought — naively, it now appears — that Americans could at least put politics aside to honor its World War I veterans.

Was he wrong?

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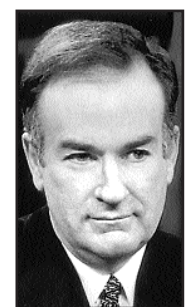
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Semper Fi, Unless inconvenient



BILL O'REILLY

work to the Mexicans to get their stamp of approval in order to carry the gun through the country. Hammar and a friend were driving a Winnebago, hoping to have a nice surfing vacation with some hunting on the side.

Even though the Mexican authorities clearly saw that Hammar was trying to follow the rules, they seized the Winnebago and locked the corporal up in the notoriously corrupt CEDES prison anyway. There he was threatened by other inmates and told by guards that he could buy his way out of the hellhole by paying money to the "right people."

Hammar's parents, who live in South Florida, immediately contacted the State Department and were told to be patient. And so they were. Three months later, Hammar was still incarcerated and had not even seen a judge, and things were becoming increasingly desperate. That's when his parents gave up on the State Department and contacted the media. When the story crossed my desk, I found it hard to believe. Cpl. Hammar had served his country honorably, returned to the USA with post-traumatic stress disorder, been treated for nine months in California and simply wanted a vacation after his ordeal. It was obvious that he was being held on bogus charges, and the State Department seemed impotent. When we asked Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for a comment, she refused to say anything about the case. A few of her deputies visited Hammar in prison, but the official line was that State could do nothing more.

Sen. Bill Nelson and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen raised some hell about the situation, but things

continued to deteriorate. Mexican authorities actually chained Hammar to his bed. Another inmate sent a picture of that out to the press.

In mid-December, the Fox News White House correspondent asked press secretary Jay Carney about the case. President Barack Obama's spokesman looked perplexed and said he did not know anything about it. As unbelievable as that sounds, I believe that Carney was telling the truth. And by telling one truth, Carney indicated another truth: Neither Obama nor Secretary of State Clinton had come to the aid of an American combat veteran who was being abused by Mexican authorities.

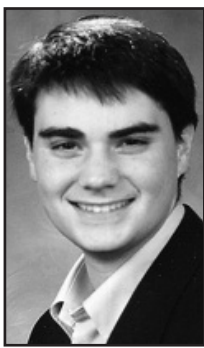
Disgusted by our apathetic government, I took the case directly to the government of Mexico. On national television, I bluntly told the new Mexican presidente, Enrique Pena Nieto, that if he did not release Hammar by Christmas, I would lead a boycott of Mexican tourism and products. The next day, Hammar was released after a Mexican judge ruled there had been no intent to commit a crime.

The ordeal cost the Hammar family tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees and untold emotional damage. Thankfully, the corporal did arrive home to South Florida in time to have a nice Christmas with his family. But this story is a cautionary tale for any American traveling outside the USA. If you get into trouble, you will be essentially on your own, even if you are a combat veteran. Our leaders in Washington are basically bureaucrats with short attention spans. If they couldn't work up the energy to help Jon Hammar, they are not going to help you. True leadership means helping those who are powerless and sincerely need help. That takes time and energy. President Abraham Lincoln set aside one day a week to answer calls for help from the folks. The current administration would not answer a desperate call for months.

As for Mexico, it remains a corrupt country hostile to the rule of law. Let the buyer beware.

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The left is bullying the NRA



BEN SHAPIRO

Howard and Albert Guyton, both 15, shot on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28; the list goes on. A few are under age 10. You've never heard of any of them. But when an evil white person with a history of mental instability shoots up a school, killing 20 children, most of whom were white, the media is suddenly concerned with gun control.

Perhaps that's because the media is racist. Or perhaps it's something else. If the media pays attention to the shootings in Chicago, it will have to talk about the fact that Chicago is heavily gun controlled. It will have to discuss the fact that guns are illegally flowing into areas of heavy gun violence. And it will have to talk about the impact of social ills like single motherhood, gang recruitment and poor public education.

Instead, the media focuses on Sandy Hook, Aurora and Columbine. Focusing on such statistically aberrant scenarios rather than the more widespread gun violence that plagues our cities allows the media to target one of its most hated groups: the National Rifle Association.

This is what the left does: they pick a target, freeze it, personalize it and polarize it. They use individual cases as a baton to wield against groups they hate. The Trayvon Martin case was used as a club against the American Legislative Exchange Council for their support of "Stand Your Ground" laws — even though George Zimmerman never claimed "Stand Your Ground." The war on women was used as a club against Komen for the Cure — even though Komen cares for more women than Planned Parenthood ever will. The left uses specific cases to destroy important institutions. It

makes their future battles far easier.

That's what they've done here. The left's attack on the NRA is ludicrous. Neither the Sandy Hook massacre perpetrator, Adam Lanza, nor his mother, Nancy Lanza, was a member. The state of Connecticut has long rejected the NRA's legislative influence. The NRA takes zero — zero — tax dollars. Yet somehow, the NRA has been targeted as the root of all evil.

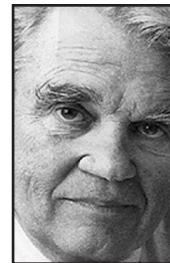
Why? Because the NRA represents the strongest single proponent of gun rights in America. And if the left can use Sandy Hook to bash the NRA, to make it unpalatable to the American public, they will. That's why the execrable Lawrence O'Donnell of MSNBC spouted that the NRA had "blood on its hands" despite any evidence to support that proposition. That's why Piers Morgan of CNN labeled NRA head Wayne LaPierre "dim-witted" and "dangerous" for suggesting that schools ought to have armed police, but said nothing when Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck said the same thing. David Gregory of NBC was only too happy to bash LaPierre over that proposed policy, but send his kids to a school with 11 armed security guards.

So what does that have to do with Chicago versus Sandy Hook? The media knows that in all shooting scenarios, the conversation quickly polarizes into two positions: ban guns or discuss other myriad social and legal issues that lead to shootings. In communities plagued by high levels of social ills like Chicago, the second position is the more obvious one. In cases of placid communities getting shot up by a nutcase, the left can talk gun bans more easily.

And they can label the NRA the culprit more easily, too. When gang members shoot each other in Chicago, it's obvious to everyone that there are no NRA members involved. When people in Connecticut own guns, the media has made the case that they *must* be NRA members, even if they aren't. And so the NRA, with no relation to Sandy Hook, becomes the problem.

It's far harder to stop Sandy Hook than it is to stop violence in Chicago. But the left doesn't like the possible solutions in Chicago. They prefer to destroy their competition. So the shootings in Chicago will continue. So, in all likelihood, will incidents like Sandy Hook, thanks in large part to the left's focus on destroying its enemies rather than preventing acts of evil.

Some food for holiday thought



Classic Andy Rooney

(This classic column was originally published Dec. 31, 2005.)

We all look for that perfect day when we have enough to do but not too much. There's a fine line and we usually cross it.

At this time of year, most of us have so much to do that there isn't time to sit back and enjoy our holiday.

We had a cocktail party for 60 friends and family on the Friday before Christmas, but we think 75 showed up. It was good except two of our closest friends were left off the invitation list by mistake. No amount of apologizing helps in a case like that.

I made eggnog with eggs, cream and plenty of nog (I use rum and bourbon). Some people make the mistake of thinking this is a toy drink and it is not. I put nutmeg and a grater next to the punch bowl. I don't know what nutmeg is but I like what it tastes like in eggnog.

We had 15 family members for most of nine meals and grandson Justin brought his girlfriend, Gayle, which made us 16. It was our second Christmas without Margie and we don't get over missing her. I jerry-rigged a board with legs and fastened it to the end of the dining room table so it would accommodate everyone.

Food for 16 people, three meals a day for three days is a lot of food and a lot of work. Daughter Martha, the most organized of us, drew up a chart listing who was on duty for what job and stuck it on the refrigerator door but no one paid much attention to it. After the guests left the party Friday, we had two huge dishes of lasagna left. Martha had made them in advance. They were good with a salad and easy.

Emily's daughter, my granddaughter Alexis, had to get back to Washington to be at work for Fox at 6 a.m. the day after Christmas, so we decided to have our Christmas turkey dinner Saturday night so she'd be in on it. Emily brought the 27-pound turkey from a farm near Boston. Less than half of the stuffing went into the bird and the rest was baked separately in an open pan. It was better than that cooked inside the turkey.

For the first time, son Brian carved. I relinquished my role reluctantly because being the carver puts you in a special position of authority, but I conceded that he did a better job than I would have. I've done it about 50 times over the years, but still have a hard time finding where to cut the joint of the drumstick and thigh so that they break off and leave the breast easy to slice.

Ellen made the cranberry sauce and argued with Emily about whether to put slivered almonds in it. Ellen was adamant about not doing that, but I noticed that when it came to the table in the cut glass dish, there were almonds in the sauce.

There were several desserts, principal among them a dense, lemon pound cake called a "62nd Street Cake," named after the great baker Maida Heatter, who first produced it in her shop on 62nd Street in New York. My sister, Nancy, has always made our 62nd Street Cake.

There were a lot of arguments. One ensued Christmas Eve when I insisted on grinding coffee beans instead of using the coffee in cans people had brought. Ellen's British husband, Les, was not interested in the argument. He quietly made himself "a nice cup of tea."

For Christmas dinner, we cooked a huge roast beef. I made Yorkshire pudding, which cooked in the fat after the beef had been in the pan for several hours. (Yorkshire pudding is the same recipe as popovers.) Emily peeled, then braised several pounds of pearl onions until they were brown. For dessert, we had my specialty, peppermint stick ice cream. I crush and melt in milk and cream one pound of peppermint candy canes, which produces a lovely pink mixture. I put that in my six-quart ice cream freezer for about 40 minutes and serve it in chilled dishes with slightly bitter homemade chocolate sauce.

Breakfast was hard because not everyone showed up at the same time. I made waffles one morning in a waffle iron we've had for 50 years. The kids filled the holes with maple syrup.

There are still leftovers in the refrigerator, which Les refers to with a British term as "lurkies"

— food that lurks in the 'fridge.

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God created the Republican Party to cut taxes



PAT BUCHANAN

"God put the Republican Party on earth to cut taxes. If they don't do that, they have no useful function."

Columnist Robert Novak was speaking of the party that embraced the revolution of Ronald Reagan, who had hung a portrait of Calvin Coolidge in his Cabinet Room and set about cutting income tax rates to 28 percent.

But, to be historically precise, the GOP was not put here to cut taxes. From infancy in the 1850s, its mission was to halt the spread of slavery. From 1865 to 1929, it was the party of high tariffs. Mission: Build the nation and protect U.S. industry and the wages of American workers.

And if the Deity commanded the GOP to cut taxes, the party has had an uneven record. Warren Harding and Coolidge cut Woodrow Wilson's wartime tax rates by two-thirds, but Herbert Hoover nearly tripled the

top rate.

Under Dwight Eisenhower, when the top tax rate was 91 percent, the GOP ratified the New Deal and provided the tax revenue to balance the budget at the elevated levels of spending 20 years of Democratic rule had established.

Richard Nixon followed suit. Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, aid to education, the Peace Corps, the arts and humanities endowments, all of the Great Society programs grew — with Nixon adding OSHA, EPA, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Cancer Institute.

Reagan cut tax rates to 50-year lows, but also accepted new gasoline and payroll taxes. George H.W. Bush then raised the top rate back to 35 percent.

George W. cut tax rates, but put two wars, prescription drug benefits for seniors and No Child Left Behind on the Visa card. Speaker Boehner is about to sign on to higher tax rates.

Point of this recitation: Republicans may talk of reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and balancing budgets. But the history of the last century suggests the party has been driven into what may be described as an inex-

orable long retreat.

When Coolidge left the White House to "Wonder Boy," as he called Hoover, federal spending was 3 percent of gross national product.

Today, it is around 23 percent. Add state, county and municipal government spending, and we are at 38 percent. Anyone think this figure is going down in our lifetimes?

Can anyone say the GOP, if it is the party of small government and low taxes, has over the past 80 years been a successful party? Or does the America of today look more like the country Socialist Norman Thomas had in mind in 1932?

How, conceivably, can spending go down when, from 2012 to 2030, 75 million baby boomers will be retiring and going on Social Security and Medicare at a rate of 10,000 every day?

How can spending go down when a million legal immigrants arrive annually, 85 percent from the Third World, and most lacking the academic and linguistic abilities or the work skills of Americans?

These immigrants — and, with "immigration reform," 11 million to 12 million illegals, as well — will be eligible for welfare, earned income tax credits, food stamps, rent supplements, Medicaid, Head Start,

free schooling K-12 with two or three free meals a day at school, Pell Grants and student loans at graduation, job training and unemployment checks for 99 weeks.

Under Bush and Barack Obama both, these programs have exploded. And with 40 percent of all babies now born to single moms in America, does anyone believe these programs will shrink?

When the Great Wave of immigrants came between 1890 and 1920, these programs did not exist. In the 1930s, welfare was seen even by FDR as a temporary necessity to get through the hard times.

Our gargantuan welfare state of today, however, is permanent, as are the millions of government employees who milk and manage it.

Consider our largest government expenditures. They would be, at the national level, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, defense, homeland security and interest on the debt. At the state and local level, education, transportation — streets, highways, subways — and public safety. If God put the Republican Party on this earth to cut taxes, how do we do his work in the face of these inexorable forces for increased spending? Do we ignore the surging deficits and soaring debt?

Mitt Romney said cutting tax rates would lead to a balanced budget. But when? The Bush tax cuts never did. His were the largest deficits of all, until the coming of Obama. If we would see our future, we should look to Europe. There, the governments consume more than 40 percent of GDP and, in countries like France, almost 60 percent.

In Europe, the militaries have been hollowed out. Political parties face repudiation. Taxes in France have hit 75 percent. The wealthy flee. Pension promises are reneged upon. Government salaries are cut; employees laid off. Unemployment is astronomical for the young. The divisions deepen; the protests grow. Now, Europe's banks, fearing social unrest, have started to emulate the Fed and buy up regime debt.

Looking at the West over the last century, the arc of history bends toward socialism and insolvency.

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Be proactive and say no to ever larger problems

To the editor:

Dear Salem residents:

I would like to comment on what is proposed for the property along Cunningham, Butcher and East Pershing streets of Salem.

1. At the meeting on Dec. 18, Councilman Nestic projected on the wall a copy of the lease agreement NRP Group would be using for this project that made reference to the fact that if one of the renters has a police record they would be evicted from the development.

My problem first is anyone with a record will have someone with a good record rent the unit. Do we want to be proactive or reactive? Reactive is the fact that this will draw a larger population that can bring a higher chance of drug problems, which anyone in the police or legal professions will tell you is the root of 95 percent of our criminal problems. So after this population move in, it is too late. To be proactive is to look long and hard at this development and decide if we want these problems invited into our community. Turn to the page of court news, do we already have a drug problem, do we need more?

2. NRP representative Mary Huda stated that the company will be asking for \$14 million in tax incentives for the \$18 million project which is the first phase of 120 units from the state of Ohio. Mrs. Huda also stated that with the tax incentive, it would require them to accept anyone who applies. They state they have a very strict application for entrance; she also stated if they have empty units they could make a business decision to consider government subsidy renters to fill those apartments.

3. Finally, we saw a picture of what the new building would look like which was very nice, but let's be reasonable. We should be looking at what a large subsidized complex looks like after 15 or 20 years. I have seen in my travels some of these large complexes that by the end of these time periods need to be torn down or boarded up. This complex will be Phase I 120 units, Phase II 180 units and Phase III 50 small single-family lots.

Mrs. Huda stated that a Salem study showed 1,200 people in Salem could afford the \$600 for a one-bedroom unit and \$800 for a three-bedroom unit. In my experience, calls in this market are for one-bedroom apartments maximum of \$400 per month and the government rate is \$380 per month. And renters want three bedroom houses for \$450 per month. If there was this big demand, one of our local developers, of which the existing property owner has been for years, would have built the units.

I assume that is why NRP needs to get tax incentives from the state to make this a good business decision which brings in the state requirements to accept all comers. And if those prospective \$600 to \$800 renters are out there, they must be in our existing units which means they will move to a new shiny apartment.

My business sense sees this as causing the existing landlords, with mortgage, taxes and insurance to pay, to either lose their properties (more foreclosures), lower their rents, get less desirable renters and if the units are paid for, to let them set empty to keep the units from being destroyed by bad renters. This would lead to 300 units empty if these apartments are built. Do you want 300 empty units in Salem?

4. The supporters say we need housing to draw young professionals. Do any of the colleges, universities or trade schools advertise that

when you get your diploma we will help you find good housing or do they brag about the placement rate in good jobs.

Please use and support our tax incentives to get good jobs into Salem and our young people will come home to work and raise the families that will make Salem a place where you want to walk down the street, join the service clubs, know the neighbors, shop our stores, attend our churches and have safe, drug-free schools for our next generation. A smart young professional would be buying with the low interest rates and the large number of houses available in the Salem market, not paying rent.

Let's hope our officials are proactive and say no to even larger problems for the future of Salem.

DAVID HALVERSTADT, Salem

Description of the Humane Society

To the editor:

Due to the ongoing confusion about the role of HSCC in your community, I offer this description of our service.

The Humane Society of Columbiana County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization. We sponsor trained humane agents that are sworn into duty by the probate judge in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

Currently, we have two agents who investigate concerns for all 532 square miles of Columbiana County on a volunteer basis. Both agents have paid, full-time jobs outside of their humane agent duties and respond to leads on an average of 30 hours per week. All concerns that are received are reviewed by the agents and prioritized for maximum efficiency.

Our Humane Hotline (330-831-2613) should be utilized to report suspected animal abuse or neglect. All calls must go through central dispatch to maintain an accurate log of calls received. If a call is not answered live, please be sure to leave a detailed description of the complaint and the full street address and city where the concern is located; it is not uncommon for more than one city to have street names in common (i.e. Main Street, Maple Street, etc.) Should you choose to leave your number and we need additional information, you will receive a return call requesting further details. Failure to provide a full address may result in the delay or inability to respond to the concern.

Once calls are given to the agents and an investigation is opened, no details will be released. This ensures that the investigation will not be compromised. Due to confidentiality, agents will not discuss details of any case even with the party that made the report.

If the reporter receives additional information, this should be called into the hotline so that it can be dispatched to the agents for follow up. Agents spend their time investigating concerns; doing follow-up visits to help pet owners provide proper care (as define by the Ohio Revised Code); and providing resources, such as straw, food, dog boxes, and educational materials to the public.

Our goal is to try to help animals remain in their own home whenever possible. The majority of the calls we receive are able to be resolved through education and follow-up visits. If these visits do not yield improvements in care, then by law, the animals may be removed by the agents and charges may be filed

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against the owner.

With your help, we can work together to improve the lives of animals in Columbiana County.

HEATHER JURINA, Director of operations Humane Society of Columbiana County

Here's an idea: Bring prayer back to schools

To the editor:

This country has seen its share of senseless shootings and killings at our schools. After every event school officials, parents and political leaders get together and express their grief and sorrow over what happened. Our country mourns as it should over the loss of lives both young and old for no reason.

Most of the time the killer is not around to give us any insight why they wreaked havoc and brought such sorrow to our communities and nation. Our school leaders and others try to come up with a "plan" to ensure that it never happens again. Well it's quit clear that all the training of staff, studying of earlier shootings and trying to get tougher gun laws passed that none of these solutions has worked.

As a nation we cry out to God our creator and ask "why" would he let this happen? We always turn to Him after these senseless acts of violence happen.

Here's an idea, bring prayer back to our schools. Turn to God before these senseless acts occur. Nothing else has worked I think we can all agree on that. Maybe a child or even worse an adult who is supposed to protect our child will hear a prayer and turn back from what they are getting ready to do.

For those parents that do not want their child to hear or participate in a 60 second prayer before class starts those children can be placed in a room where the prayer cannot be heard. We have all said that in the 40s and 50s we never had this violence in our schools.

Prayer in schools ended in the early 60s and things have gone downhill from there. We took God and his protection out of our school systems. I'm not saying that bringing prayer back to our schools will end all violence or correct everything that is wrong in our school systems but how can it hurt? We have brought guns into our schools

to try to stop the violence by having our school hallways monitored by armed police officers.

So we are telling our children that the way to stop violence is to create a violent atmosphere. I hope all school officials, political leaders and board of education officials see this article and give very serious thought to bringing back prayer to our schools, and maybe bring back a sense of peace to our students and parents as well.

JAMES C. KING, Columbiana

Parent concerned about content of book

To the editor:

As most parents would be, I was excited when my eighth-grade daughter came home saying she wanted to participate in the English Festival at YSU. For this event she would need to read seven books listed.

She found out about the festival from her English teacher at school and was given the book list by the teacher. She did not have to have a signed permission slip to sign up. She was struggling to read the book "King of the Mild Frontier" by Chris Crutcher. To help, I decided to read the book. I am so glad I did. There was much content I felt was questionable. Mentioning of pornographic magazines, unsafe use of a gun, humiliating hazings, just to name a few. Until I read toward the end of the book. The most offensive event depicted involved a boy's private parts and a popcorn bag. I was appalled that this book was given to my daughter at school by a teacher without my prior consent.

Schools complain that children are exposed to much violence and sex, that parents should monitor what they watch, read and play. Yet they give this to my child. Upon looking into it further there are three books marked by YSU to be questionable. I would expect the school to know what they are giving out, as well as directly inform the parents. Until now, I would have felt a book provided by the school in any fashion should be acceptable.

In our home I do monitor what my children watch on TV, the movies they see, and video games they play or watch being played. I teach my kids what is appropriate behavior and what is not, at age appropriate levels. I normally

wouldn't consider myself an overly conservative parent. Trying to teach values and morals in these times is challenging, we would expect that if our child is doing a school encouraged activity they would not be given material that would give them ideas or information above what is appropriate for their age.

Upon speaking with the school principal, I was told she was not aware of the content and apologized. I was told she didn't have to read the book. However if I am still to let her participate in the English festival she will still hear discussion of the book, and scene acted out about it. If eighth grade is invited to and encouraged to participate in this event, they should be given age-appropriate material.

CHRISTA GRAVES, East Palestine

A public thank you for all first responders

To the editor:

An open letter to all first responders (Fire, EMS, Police – public, private, paid, volunteer):

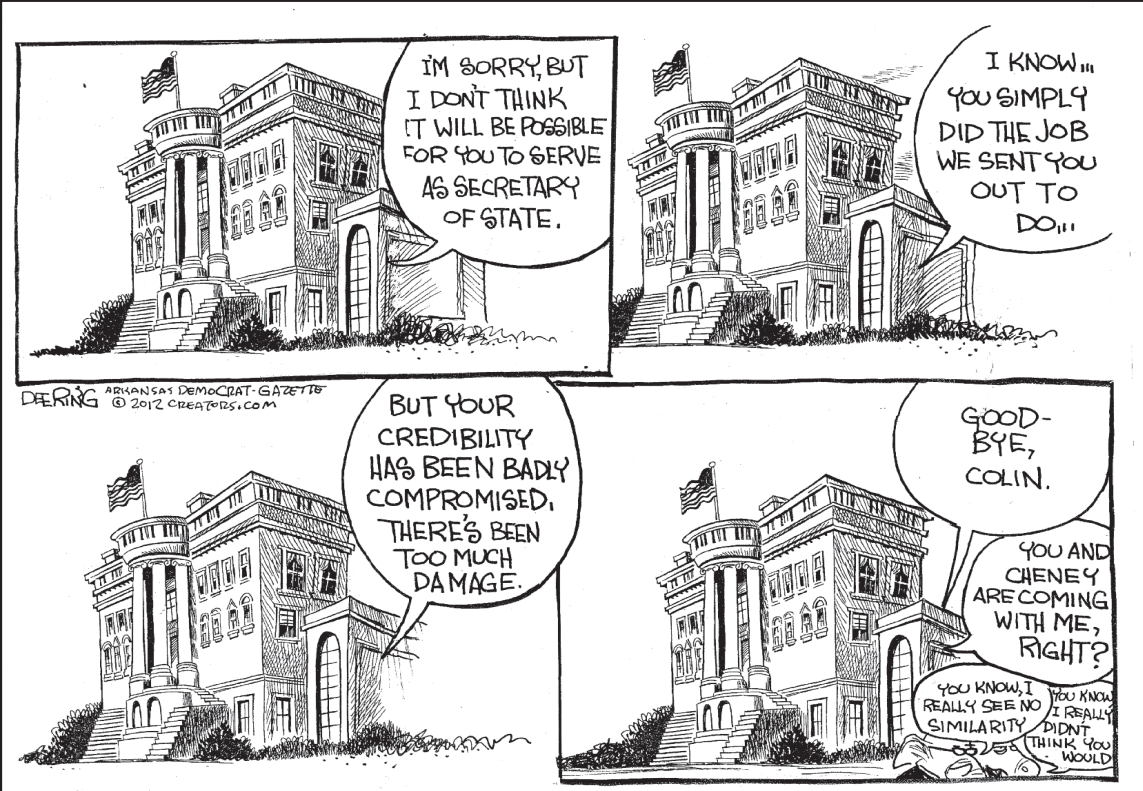
In light of last weekend's horrific events, both in Newtown, Conn., and in Alliance, I feel compelled to say thank you to the men and women who are first responders. I have had the distinct honor and privilege of working alongside many of you for the last 11 plus years.

This has given me a very unique insight into just what you face and endure on a day to day basis. I am amazed at your courage. I am moved by your perseverance.

And I am humbled by your love for your community and fellow man. I am not sure if the average citizen really knows and appreciates the sacrifice and effort that you offer daily. I fear that too often your contribution to your community may go unnoticed. The job you willingly do is one that cannot be done by just anyone.

You embrace a tremendous responsibility each time you answer the call for help. I, for one, want you to know that I am grateful that you are where you are. I am grateful that you run in when others are running away. Because you allow God to use you on behalf of your fellow man, those that are hurting and in danger have hope.

MARK C. REICH, pastor, Beloit Evangelical Friends Church Chaplain, EMT-B Beloit Fire and Rescue





ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moyer celebrate golden anniversary

Tom and Carol Moyer of Salem celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 6. A celebration with family and friends was held Oct. 14 after a special Mass

with the bishop of Youngstown held at St. John's Church in Canton. Mrs. Moyer has spent her entire life in Salem and is now retired from the Department of Developmental Disabilities in Columbiana County.

Mr. Moyer was born in Alliance and moved to Salem after getting married. He is retired from Bliss in Salem where he worked for 34 years.

The Moyers have three children, Sue Moyer and Joe Moyer, both of Salem and Theresa Croyle of Stow.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Carol) Moyer

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are enjoying their retirement spending time with their

five grandchildren and relaxing with friends and family.

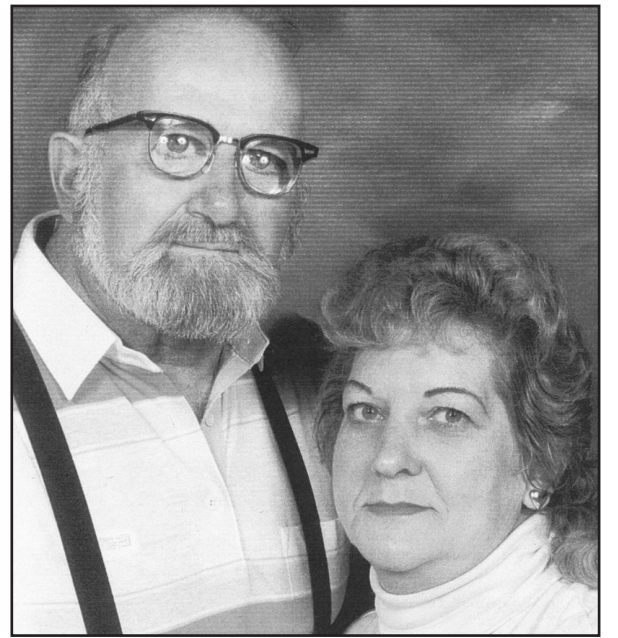
Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Gorby to mark wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Gorby Sr. of 908 Liberty St., Salem, will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve.

The former Dorothy Jane Vaughn and Mr. Gorby were married on Dec. 31, 1951, by the Rev. Shindle Decker.

The Gorbys are retired. He was self-employed and she is a homemaker.

The couple's children are Jeffrey, Rebecca, Nathan, Thad, Chuck, Michael, Sarah and Janie. A son Harry Jr. is deceased. They also have 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. (Dorothy Jane) Gorby



Residents and staff at Parkside Health Care Center in Columbiana performed acts of kindness throughout the holiday season. Above, Mae Chellinsky who passed out candy canes to the children at the East Palestine Head Start. Left, Mary Keller reads "The Night Before Christmas" to the children. (Submitted photos)

Parkside residents, staff spread holiday cheer

COLUMBIANA — Right after the Thanksgiving holiday, employees at Parkside Health Care Center began talking about the approaching Christmas season and how they wanted to do something "special." Nurse Aide Supervisor Sue Christian began brainstorming with Dianne Hughes, admissions/marketing director, who is involved with the community, and Business Manager Amanda Lippy, and so began the "12 Days of Kindness."

Employees began a non-perishable food drive at the facility to donate and deliver to Second Harvest Food Bank. Local churches also will receive food baskets for families needing a little help for the holiday. There will also be a donation made to the Salem Community Hospital Charitable Foundation which helps people afford needed medication when discharged from the hospital.

Considering the recent events in Con-

necticut, one of the most meaningful and heartwarming acts of kindness (which had already been planned) was going to the East Palestine Head Start.

Staff at Parkside also donated hat and mitten sets for each child. Cookies and juice were served and children received jingle bell necklaces and their choice of a Santa hat, reindeer antlers, or snowman headband. Nursing assistants Christina Tate and Samantha Harrison and receptionist Wendy Dickson participated in the festivities.

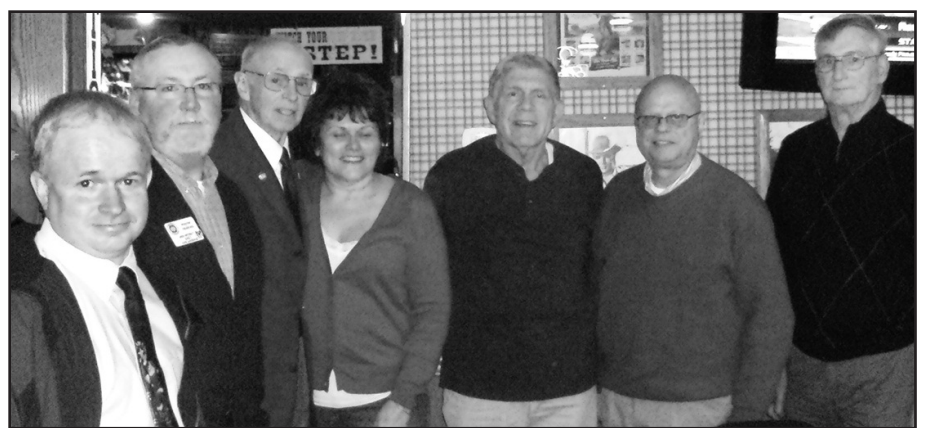
Keller remarked how wonderful it was to be around such well-behaved, adorable young children. "There's nothing better than seeing a child smile." There are more acts of kindness in the works as the nursing home strives to reach the nationwide "20 acts of kindness" goal.

The nursing home is currently collecting for Hear-O Angels which provides hearing aids to children.



West Point Lions collect for Church Women United program

Members of the West Point Lions Club held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 17 at the Chefs Table in Lisbon. There were 22 members and one guest present. In lieu of a gift exchange, the members brought clothing and underwear to donate to the Help Organization through Church Women United. Pictured are, from left, Dolly Campbell, Violet Mellon, Nola Carman and Charollette Davis. (Submitted photo)



Leetonia Ruritans hold Christmas party

Leetonia Ruritans met Dec. 11 at the Road House for their annual Christmas party with 14 members and 12 guests present. Robert Campbell was given the Ruritan of the Year Award. Wayne Holtom, Zone 2 governor, installed the officers for 2013. Pictured are, from left, John Hall, third-year director; Holtom; Gary Wilms, second-year director; JoAnne Fields, vice president; Robert Campbell, president; Lynn Eskay, treasurer; Ron Bulford, secretary. Missing from the photo is Ray Heddleson, first-year director. (Submitted photo)

Damascus Garden Club discusses floral exhibit, installs officers

DAMASCUS — The Damascus Garden Club, a member of the Garden Club of Ohio Inc., met on Dec. 13 at the Damascus Friends Church with 17 members present. The session began in the church's meeting room where Marilyn Brumbaugh and guest, Carol Grove, conducted a PowerPoint presentation as part of the December program. Guest Lindsey Knoedler operated the computer/projector. The program critiqued the members' floral exhibits that were on display as part of the Dec. 8 Light Up Damascus celebration. Treasurer Hilda Spack said that dues for 2013 are currently being collected. The Community Care committee thanked Val Knoedler for the bud vases she provided for the recent community blood drive. Ginny Huffman, Ways and Means chair, distributed the club's 2013 Damascus gardens calendars to members. Calendars are \$15 and available by contacting a member.

Under old business, Stoffer thanked all who decorated for the season at the post office, Pearce House, and the township park. A thank-you was extended to Sandy Kilmer for inviting members to her home to prepare their exhibits for the club's floral exhibit as part of Light Up Damascus at the Damascus

Friends Church.

Under new business, a motion was made to provide a donation to Meissner's service for their contribution of electricity during the Light Up Damascus season. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made to give a donation to the Damascus Friends Church as a thank-you for allowing the club use of its facilities in 2012. The motion passed unanimously. Kilmer announced that the club's Light Up Damascus decorations will be removed on Jan. 3, weather permitting. Jan. 8 is the make-up date. Rhonda Mitchell said that hostess slots and committee positions for 2013 still need to be filled. Lee Kuentz reported that members are needed to chair and plan a possible flower show in 2013. Stoffer thanked the officers and members for their support through 2012.

At the meeting's conclusion, Kuentz installed the 2013 officers. A luncheon was held in the church's cafe with hostess Kuentz and co-hostesses Knoedler and Pat Hoopes serving a hot chicken casserole, salad, and a decorated angel food cake for dessert. Christmas table service and poinsettias graced the tables.

Do you have something for us?

Send community-related items and photos, including weddings, engagements and anniversaries to: Community Desk, Salem News, P.O. Box 268, Salem, OH 44460. Faxes can be sent to: 330-332-1441 and e-mails at: salemnews@salemnews.net. Or visit our Virtual Newsroom at salemnews.net.



Leetonia homecoming queen to represent state at bowl game

LEETONIA — Nicole Halverstadt, the 2012 Leetonia High School Homecoming queen, has been selected to represent the state of Ohio at the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Football Classic in Memphis, Tenn.

Halverstadt is one of a small percentage of girls to receive the invitation. The Liberty Bowl Committee selects only the top homecoming queens from each state. The criteria used include academic achievements, community activities, and all-around status as an outstanding individual. She has been chosen through America's Homecoming Queens National Pageant Registry, and has been shown to be an "elite individual to participate in this year's AutoZone Liberty Bowl game and bowl week events."

As Halverstadt proceeds through the process, she is eligible for scholarships. Each state will elect a homecoming queen through the panel judges, and another is selected through the public on its website. Once the Class of 2013 of America's Homecoming Queens is uploaded, people can vote for Halverstadt at www.americashomecomingqueen.com.

The Liberty Bowl will be aired on ESPN at 1:30 EST on Monday. Halverstadt will be honored with the other selected homecoming queens from across the country during the pre-game and half-time extravaganzas. In addition to the game festivities, she will visit St. Jude Hospital, representing Leetonia. Halverstadt is the daughter of Karen and Terry McElroy of Leetonia.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS
EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

SHS '72 to meet for breakfast

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1972 plans to meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

BLHS '84 to hold spaghetti dinner benefit

LISBON — The Beaver Local High School Class of 1984 will hold a spaghetti dinner benefit for Chuck Cornell and his family. The public is invited from 4 to 7 p.m. Jan. 12 at the high school. The Cornell family lost their home on Dec. 18 in a fire. There also will be a silent and Chinese auction. Anyone wishing to donate a basket or silent auction items is asked to contact Marcie Guy at 330-801-2597 or by email at ambrosiaphotography@gmail.com. Monetary donations may be sent to: First National Community Bank, P.O. Box 769, East Liverpool, Ohio 43920; checks payable to BLHS Class of 1984.

Friendly Squares hold Christmas party

NILES — On Dec. 19 the Friendly Squares of Niles held its annual Christmas dinner dance. In attendance were 80 dancers. Some of the dancers came as far away as the counties of Lake, Cuyahoga, Medina, Portage. They were also some dancers from Salem and Pennsylvania. The evening began with a coverdish dinner. After the dinner the dancing began with caller Gene Hammond calling the dance. Frankie Hammond was the line dance cuer for the evening. For more information about the club call 330-534-4426.

Winona Ruritans host Christmas dinner

WINONA — "Happy Birthday" was sung to Lester Wilson, Richard Stoffer, Donovan Winn, Chris Stamp and Lee Stamp at the Winona Ruritan Club's annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 18 at the Winona Friends Church. Twenty-nine members and 27 guests attended. Two guests, Celeste Gamble and Dorothy Stoffer, were also recognized for having birthdays in December. Chaplain Gordon Dawes asked the following, newly elected officers and directors for 2013 to be officially inducted into office: Dean Sidwell, three year director; Rob Donaldson, two-year director; Chip Althouse, one-year director; Bob Doyle Sr., treasurer; Lee Stamp, secretary; John Stamp, vice president; and Homer Althouse, president. Entertainment was provided by The Belles of Harmony.

DARE January events announced

BOARDMAN — Divorce/Death Aren't Really the End is a singles group that meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Disciples Christian Church, 565 Boardman-Canfield Road. The following activities are planned next month:

Jan. 4, 25: Lobby of Movies 8, Shops of Boardman Park, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22: Dance classes, Judy Conti's, Austintown, 7 p.m.

Jan. 9: Volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank, 5-7 p.m.

Jan. 11: Card night at Denny's in Boardman, 6-10 p.m.

Jan. 12: Bowling at Boardman Lanes, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 14: Meet-up at Mocha House in Boardman, 7 p.m.

Jan. 19: Phantom Hockey Game, Covelli Center, ticket booth, 7 p.m.

Jan. 24: Re-gifting night at the church, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 26: Winter picnic, Boardman Park, Beard Cabin, 6-10 p.m.

Jan. 28: Meet-up at Dairy Queen in Cornersburg, 7 p.m.

Jan. 31: Chili cook off at the church, 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 330-793-5856, 330-533-7062 or 330-793-1484.



Columbiana Family Care Center donates gifts to Whispering Pines residents

The staff of Vidya Counto, M.D. and Libre Johnson, M.D. from the Columbiana Family Care Center donated gifts to the residents of Columbiana's Whispering Pines Village in lieu of the practice's annual staff gift exchange. Pictured are, from left, Marilyn Prudner, CFCC; Sandy Havlin, Whispering Pines staff; Lori Kavanaugh, CFCC; Doris Grossen, Whispering Pines resident; and Tina Coleman, CFCC. (Submitted photo)



Salem Historical Society concludes membership drive during anniversary year

The Salem Historical Society is celebrating its 65th anniversary, having been founded in 1947. In commemorating this event, the society had a goal of securing 65 new members during the year. Joan Lora, membership chair, was busy registering new members with a copy of the bicentennial issue of "The Salem Story Continues" as a gift along with the one-year membership. Emma Kelly, a Southeast School fifth grader, became the youngest "new" member, while Pastor Connie Sassanella, minister of the English Lutheran Church, became the 65th new member. With gift memberships being given during the Christmas season and one annual member, Angela Habig, upping to a life member, the "new" membership during 2012 currently is at 82. Others are welcome to join. For membership information call 330-337-8514 or visit the gift shop at 239 S. Lundy Ave. any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. Pictured are, from left, Sassanella, Kelly and Lora. (Submitted photo)



Stage Left Canfield dancers perform at Southern Park Mall

Dancers from Stage Left Theater Arts Academy of Canfield were asked by the Southern Park Mall to bring some holiday cheer this past weekend. Pictured are Annie Porterfield, Hannah Abrigg, Tori Timmann, Kennedy Lisowski, Ava Wolfe, Azaria Jones, Hannah Yannucci, Victoria Wellington, Shaylea Plant, Karaline Lisowski, Jordan Desantis, Lexi Weeden, Ava Dasari, Ava Burscak, Shyann Hall, Rylee Manley, Michala Brown, Bella Burscak, Serena Edgerton, Alexandria Wellington, Maya Hoffman, Lindsey Plant. Not pictured were Christine Marenkovich, Nicole Sherb, Gabby Kendall. "Our hearts are broken for the families in Connecticut, so we feel blessed to bring art and dance to help heal and love others. That's always been our mission for this performance company," said Kimberly Lisowski, director. The girls will also be dancing at Canfield's First Night on New Year's Eve. (Submitted photo)

ACH Community Care Center holds annual Christmas party, hands out presents

ALLIANCE — The Christmas spirit was in full swing at Alliance Community Hospital's (ACH) Community Care Center (CCC). On Dec. 17, CCC residents, patients, family members and patients from Acute Rehab filled the dining room for the annual CCC Christmas party. Musical entertainment was provided by Robin Roseberry and Valerie Burk, daughters of a CCC resident. Holiday refreshments were prepared by the ACH Nutritional Services Department.

Santa and Mrs. Claus spread Christmas cheer as they

greeted the party-goers. All children present were invited to share their Christmas wishes with Santa and to have their picture taken and given an early Christmas present. Presents were also presented to each of the residents and patients.

"It truly is better to give than receive when you see the surprise and joy on the faces of the residents as they open their gifts," said Lori Underwood, CCC activity director. "We have such a caring, generous staff here at CCC and ACH; thank you for helping to make this Christmas special."

SALEM

DURING THE CIVIL WAR

With the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Salem Historical Society would like to recall our local activities during the years, 1861-1865. At the same time, we would like to learn stories of local citizens. If you have a story or photo you could share with us, we would be appreciative. You can contact the Salem Historical Society at 330-337-8514 or TheSalemHistoricalSociety@gmail.com if you have items of interest for display.

October 1862 (Part II)
J. K. Hudson, of this place, has been assigned to the position of Adjutant of the 10th Kansas Regiment. The promotion is a highly merited one. We know of no person who has more faithfully performed military duty in whatever rank he may have been placed, than our worthy young friend.

Killed Calvin Starr, a son of Thos. Starr, of this place was killed at the recent battle in Kentucky. He was a First Lieutenant on one of the companies of the 3d Ohio,—New Lisbon Patriot.

Lieutenants Canady & Higley are rapidly recruiting a company for the new 10th Ohio Cavalry. Many of the substitutes, hired by drafted men of this and Portage county, are wisely volunteering.

Killed and Prisoners.
It is rumored that at the Perrysville Battle, in Kentucky, Evi Stratton, son of Aaron Stratton, of this township, was killed, and Wm. Mead and Frank White, of Goshen [township], were taken prisoners. We do not find their names among the killed or captured, however, which leads us to hope there may be some mistake about it.

Fort Mitchell.
We are greatly indebted to Stanton Weaver, Orderly Sergeant of Company G, on the 1045h Ohio, ro4r a very beautiful lithographic view of Fort Mitchell and the camping and skirmishing ground of the above regiment, on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September last, in front of Cincinnati.... In the skirmish, three Columbiana county boys were wounded, namely: [Alexander G.] Lowry [he was discharged 9/23/1862 for wounds received, [John G.] Randolph and [William H.] Snons, the first of Salem. In

the battle, the recollection of which is fresh in the minds of every one, the utmost coolness and bravery was displayed by the officers and privates of the gallant 104th, although the regiment was just organized, and the enemy was composed of drilled and veteran troops, led by the daring rebel general, Kirby Smith. Too much praise cannot be awarded to our noble boys for their heroic conduct displayed on the above occasion.

Gone Back.
The detachment of the 115th regiment, under Lieut. Col. Boone, that has been guarding paroled prisoners at Columbus, has been ordered to Cincinnati.

Resignation.
By the Wellsville Patriot, we see it rumored that Col [James W.] Reilly intends resigning the command of the 104th Regiment. Why he contemplates this step, is not stated, except that his professional business [lawyer] is suffering for want of attention. Of course Col Reilly knew that could not be otherwise before he shouldered his straps, and a resignation on the account, if there be no other reason, would not be satisfactory to the people.

Killed at Perryville.
Charles Hitchcock, son of Hon. Peter Hitchcock, a young man of fine promise, we are pained to learn, was among the killed in the 105th at the Perryville battle. His father it is expected will be here to-day or to-morrow with the remains of this noble young man, who had not yet reached his 18th year.—Painesville Telegraph,

We know something of Mr. Hitchcock. He was truly a young man of fine promise, and of generous and noble impulses. Last summer he volunteered as a private in the 105th, although he might have had any position in his company, by the mere accepting of it. He had no higher ambition than to serve his country, and to serve it well. In the first battle in which he was engaged in its defence, he fell, fighting in the van of his regiment, thus early yielding up his life a sacrifice on the altar of his country.

--Price of his country's banded chivalry,
His fame their hope, his name a battle cry;
He lived as mothers wish their sons to live,
He died as father's which their sons to die.

The Butternuts, at their succession sympathizing meeting at New Lisbon, the other night, passed the following resolution, complimenting and endorsing the treacherous

course of Cataline Vallindigham:
Resolved, That the annihilation of disunion, Abolitionism by the Democracy of Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, is the most glorious political achievement since the organization of this Government, and that the Hon. C. L. Vallindigham, author of the Democratic platform of "The Union as it was, the Constitution as it is, and the negroes where they are," upon which the Democracy of all other free States are destined soon to triumph, is entitled to the everlasting gratitude of the friends of free Government, and a seat in the United States Senate in place of the Disunionist—B. F. Wade

[We again share excerpts of the letters written home by Salem private, William G. Bentley as published in the book titled, "Burning Rails as We Pleased", published by members of his family in 2004. He had enlisted at age 19 on August 9, 1862 and was honorably discharged June 17, 1865]. (This book is available at the Salem Historical Society bookstore.)]
Camp A. J. Smith, KY
Oct. 8th 1862

We have moved about 8 or 9 miles since I wrote last and are camped about 2 1/2 miles north of Crittenden on the Lexington pike. We arrived here day before yesterday.... We are in Bull's division and I expect we will join him between here and Lexington. He is said to have a very strong force there. The news from the southern part of this state is very encouraging. The rebels are defeated in every quarter and seem to be very much discouraged. Our cavalry bring in prisoners nearly every day. There are 15 in camp now who were brought in yesterday. They said that they didn't think they could possibly hold out until spring. I hope it may be so. I hope will not feel at all anxious about me. I have good health and spirits and I try to take good care of myself. The mess that I am in is just as good company as I want, all first-rate fellows, none of them drink or gamble. There are 19 in the mess, we take turns cooking. I have only been on cook duty once yet, they are all Salem boys, Stanton [Weaver] & Darwin Weaver, David Yengling, etc. all but one of the mess are good anti-slavery fellows. We have a Co. (H) in the reg't who are all pledged to protect all fugitives who may come within the line. Our orderly is at the head of it and is a fine fellow. The other morning a slave came into camp with some of our boys who were out on picket. They have named Dick Garrigues.

Advanced Forces USA KY
October 11th 1862

We have moved 13 miles southward since I wrote. We started from Camp J.A. Smith yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock and marched until after dark. It rained part of the time and was very cold and disagreeable but luckily we drew our overcoats just before we started or we should have suffered without....
The overcoats and pants are sky blue. We are very well provided or in the way of clothing, I think. We have 2 pair of pants, 2 shirts, blouse, dress coat, overcoat, shoes, 1 blanket.... We got the rest of our tents too, so that we can all sleep in them now. Last night was the second night that I have slept in one. There are four bell tents and eight wedge tents to a company. The bell tents hold about 15 or 16 apiece and the other 5 or 6. Our mess occupies a bell tent and one wedge tent.
What do you think of the President's Proclamation [Emancipation Proclamation] and the proposed compromise. We hear any amount of rumors in camp. We heard the other day that Jeff Davis had sent two persons to Washington to arrange matters and things. I hope they will never make any half-way compromise with them.

Lexington, KY
Oct. 27th 1862
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Does 2013's style trend spell end of trendy?

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer
NEW YORK — The biggest trend in fashion for the new year might just be that there isn't anything especially trendy.
Based on runway and retailer previews, the must-have look in 2013 could be menswear-inspired and tailored, or ladylike chic. Colors are bold and bright, or graphic black and white; fabrics are slinky and silky, or textured and tough.
And pick your silhouette: There are both short sexy minis and long flowing maxis to be had. Check off dressed-up shorts, jumpsuits and slinky mermaid gowns.

It was largely the same story for fall 2012 — and spring before that. 2011, too.
“The problem with trends is that we are trended out. ... We are so exhausted by overload that we just don't have a way to process anything new,” says trend analyst Marian Salzman, CEO of ad agency Havas PR North America.

Remember the days when a new fashion season meant a new must-have and a corresponding closet purge? Out with boy-cut jeans, in with skinnies. Out with skinnies, in with bell-bottoms.

Years ago, there was often a single muse who dominated the season. If she were a bohemian free spirit in the spring, she might be a tough biker chick in the fall. It seemed as if every designer was courting her at the same time.

Now the models on one catwalk seem like they were dressed personally by the designer from his or her singular point of view. Looks aren't stagnant, and you can see tastes evolving — right now there certainly is movement toward sophisticated, grown-up clothes in rich jewel tones and sultry touches — but there isn't a feeling that it's being done frenetically.

One style might be more “in” than another, but nothing is quite “out.”
“When I started in this industry over 20 years ago, we'd be on the plane after the shows and talking about the trends of next season,” says Elle creative director Joe Zee. “We really lived in the bubble. You could say, ‘It's all about the miniskirt,’ and immediately you'd hear, ‘Oh, well, there's nothing for me.’ Now, I can say it's all about the '60s and miniskirts again, but there are still a lot of palazzo pants, and jeans, and everything else, so you'll find something.”

Do a search for high-waisted bellbottoms on any given day, and you'll find a million pairs out there — and that's a season when they weren't deemed “trendy,” says Zee, who also is curator for the online shopping destination Vente-Privee.

Of course, the Internet has played a huge

role in this. Shoppers see new styles more or less at the same time as the retailers and editors sitting in the front row, so fashion has become more democratized. There's still a role for insiders, but it's more as style interpreters instead of final arbiters.

Stores have a much bigger selling space with their websites, so they don't have to choose between the wide-leg pants or the skinny ones. And consumers don't have to wait for the big deliveries a few times a year. There's always a rolling supply of new items — and things headed for clearance racks.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing for fashion.

It was a stretch for a designer long respected for career clothes to tout hot pants. The same could be said for the wunderkind doing embellished ballskirts. Now they don't have to. This allows for more creativity, not less.

No one has to look alike. No one has to squeeze into an unflattering must-have item just because a few fashion insiders deemed it must have. After years of the industry preaching personal style, it seems it's taking its own advice, and designers seem more concerned with carving out their own look — and gaining fans of it — than jumping on an inauthentic trend.

Women can approach fashion as if they have options, Zee says. Take colorblocking, for example.

“I've said that's a ‘trend’ for five seasons. This season I'll say it's black and white, and maybe last year I said it was red and pink, but the look hangs out, has a longer life, and that gives you a broader sense of style,” Zee says.

When tastemakers began touting “personal style,” Zee says he's not fully sure they meant it. But say something often enough, and people start believing it.

“In the moment maybe it was a marketing ploy,” he says, “but then came ‘Sex and the City’— which I think was a tent pole of personal style — and then the Internet and the popularity of ‘street style,’ and now I think women are saying, ‘I'm going to do what I like to do.’”

There's also the importance of value in fashion now, and there's not just a dollar sign attached to that. Quality, heritage and integrity are factors.

Going into 2013, Salzman says consumers have developed a mindset that will focus on a bigger picture than one snapped at the end of a catwalk.

“We're going to spend more time thinking about what it means to buy something, and we're much more engaged about what our clothing says as our signature,” she says.

‘Rescue Me’ singer Fontella Bass dies at age 72

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Fontella Bass, a St. Louis-born soul singer who hit the top of the R&B charts with “Rescue Me” in 1965, has died. She was 72.

Bass died Wednesday night at a St. Louis hospice of complications from a heart attack suffered three weeks ago, her daughter, Neuka Mitchell, said. Bass had also suffered a series of strokes over the past seven years.

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In bite-sized roles, Gandolfini ubiquitous again

By JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK— In the five years since “The Sopranos” ended, James Gandolfini has eschewed the spotlight, instead disappearing into a heap of character actor performances that, while they may lack the heft of Tony Soprano, have only further proved the actor’s wide-ranging talent.

This season offers a gluttony of Gandolfini, albeit in bite-sized parts. In Kathryn Bigelow’s Osama bin Laden hunt docudrama “Zero Dark Thirty,” he plays Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta. In David Chase’s ‘60s period drama “Not Fade Away,” he plays the old-school father of a wannabe rocker. And in Andrew Dominick’s crime flick “Killing Them Softly,” he plays an aged, washed-up hit man.

None of the roles are showy lead men, and that’s just fine with Gandolfini.

“I’m much more comfortable doing smaller things,” Gandolfini said in a recent interview. “I like them. I like the way they’re shot; they’re shot quickly. It’s all about the scripts — that’s what it is — and I’m getting some interesting little scripts.”

The 51-year-old actor takes scant pleasure in interviews and rarely does them. This is partly because Gandolfini — sitting attentively with his hands on his knees, his head back and his let’s-hear-what-you-have-to-say eyes tilted downward — distrusts the ego-inflating effect of attention. Explaining his interest in a character, he breaks off: “I always wonder how interesting any of this is to people. It’s just my own (stuff).”

Though Gandolfini’s achievement playing Tony Soprano for eight years is unquestioned (he won three Emmy awards), the sensation of the show — and the long time spent playing a violent, sometimes loathsome gangster — grated on Gandolfini.

He says that after “The Sopranos,” he didn’t quite regain himself as an actor until he starred in the Tony-winning play “God of Carnage” on Broadway in 2009. He played half of a Brooklyn couple trying to resolve a squabble with another couple over a fight between their children — a part also



This publicity film image released by The Weinstein Company shows James Gandolfini in a scene from “Killing Them Softly.” In the five years since “The Sopranos” ended, Gandolfini has eschewed the spotlight, instead disappearing into character actor performances such as this one. These roles, while they may lack the iconography of Tony Soprano, have only further proved the actor’s wide-ranging talent. (AP Photo/The Weinstein Company)

revealing of our underlying animism.

“It really grounded me more as an actor again,” says Gandolfini. “Then I could go off and try different things.”

Gandolfini’s recent work has vacillated from comedy, his genre of choice (as a Washington general in the political satire “In the Loop”) to heartwarming drama (as a businessman moved to rehabilitate an abandoned teenage girl, Kristen Stewart, in “Welcome to the Rileys”). He voiced the Wild Thing Carol in “Where the Wild Things Are,” a performance that, by stripping him of his sizable frame, highlighted his tenderness.

One of his favorite films, he says, was John Turturro’s long-delayed “Romance & Cigarettes,” a funny, anti-extravagant musical about a

working class family. He’s produced several HBO documentaries about veterans: “Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq” and “Wartorn: 1861-2010,” which chronicled posttraumatic stress.

“He took up a lot of his time with ‘God of Carnage,’ and I was sort of missing him from the screen,” says Chase, the “Sopranos” creator. “He’s doing a lot of work now but I think he was taking a cooling off period.”

For Gandolfini, reuniting with Chase on “Not Fade Away” was like “getting back to work” on a simple, small movie set after the “big huge thing” of the “The Sopranos.” Chase calls the actor his “first responder” to his scripts.

“The main thing we have is a small sharing of a certain amount of self-loathing and a sense of

humor,” says Gandolfini, laughing. “I get David’s sense of humor immediately.”

In “Not Fade Away,” Gandolfini reprises certain characteristics of Tony Soprano — an Italian patriarch displeased with his son — but the film also turns on a tender moment that bridges the generational divide. “Every guy who was in a band, that was the father,” says Steven Van Zandt, Gandolfini’s “Sopranos” co-star and a producer on “Not Fade Away.”

“It’s the time when you find out, all of a sudden you realize as you get older, that maybe your father wasn’t just there to raise you, that he actually had dreams of his own and things that he wanted to do and things that he’s sacrificed,” says Gandolfini, a father of a 13-year-old son and, with his second

wife Deborah Lin, a 2-month-old girl.

Gandolfini grew up in New Jersey the son of a bricklayer and a high school lunch lady. His blue collar roots clearly inform his attitude about acting; he sometimes seems almost embarrassed by his profession.

“People don’t know and they shouldn’t know that you work incredibly hard as an actor,” he says. “So in terms of a blue collar background, that matches up. But it is an odd way to make a living. Putting somebody else’s pants on and pretending to be somebody else is occasionally, as you grow older, horrifying.”

But Gandolfini gravitated to acting as a release, a way to get rid of anger. “I don’t know what exactly I was angry about,” he says.

That inner rage helped Gandolfini land his breakthrough role as a brutal mob enforcer in Tony Scott’s “True Romance,” a part that led to Tony Soprano. His distaste for that character and some of Tony’s uglier nature is still present for Gandolfini.

“I try to avoid certain things and certain kinds of violence at this point,” he says. “I’m getting older, too. I don’t want to be beating people up as much. I don’t want to be beating women up and those kinds of things that much anymore.”

In “Zero Dark Thirty” violence is meted out by others, while Gandolfini’s foul-mouthed Panetta is an intimidating boardroom presence.

“He brings to the set so much authority and gravitas just naturally in who he is,” says Bigelow. “It felt like a perfect symmetry.”

“Killing Them Softly,” though, is a rare return to the territory Gandolfini has avoided. This older, end-of-the-line gangster, Gandolfini says, completes an arc for him of mafia men, a kind of epilogue of the “last, most pathetic one in the end.”

“I was hesitant to play another quote-unquote mob guy,” he says. “You know, I’ve played a lot of these guys and so I’m getting to a place where I want to play different people. This is kind of a guy who’s a culmination of everybody I’ve played at the end. This is like the last nail in the coffin.”

‘Parental Guidance’ unites Crystal, Midler

By SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — After nearly 30 years of friendship and shared tastes in movies, music and comedy, Billy Crystal and Bette Midler have finally taken it to the next level: They did a film together.

The two veteran entertainers first met on the comedy circuit, but never actually worked together until “Parental Guidance,” in theaters Christmas Day.

“He says we met in the ‘60s at the Improv, and of course I don’t remember any of that because I was going so fast,” Midler said in a recent interview.

Crystal and Midler share the screen for the first time in the family film, playing a married couple who bumble their way along to bonding with their grandchildren. Marisa Tomei stars as their Type-A daughter, who regrets having to entrust her three kids to “the other grandparents” during a business trip with her husband when her in-laws aren’t available.

The idea for the movie came from Crystal’s real-life experience caring for his own granddaughters, now ages 6 and 9.

He and wife Janice were confounded by the “pages and pages” of rules their daughter left behind. (That daughter, actress Jennifer Crystal Foley, plays a small role in the film.)

“We had them for six days all

alone, and on the seventh day I rested,” said Crystal, 64. “And I came into the office and started writing the story of grandparents who have to babysit for their kids while they go away.”

Midler found the script just as she was looking for a family-film project, and she immediately connected with the humor and warmth of the story.

“I wanted to do something that everybody could come and see, because that’s what I grew up with,” she said.

“It came at a really good point in our lives and our careers to finally find each other and be able to share the responsibilities for the movie together and our scenes,” Crystal said. “She’s an old pro, in the best of ways. Take out old, she’s a pro. And very giving, very funny, and very willing to try anything.”

Except sing. Crystal said the Oscar-nominated and Tony-winning star was reluctant to perform a sweet song-and-dance number with him in the film.

“The only time I ever had to wrestle her was on singing the song. She didn’t want to do it,” he said. “(She said,) ‘No, then they’ll say Bette Midler is singing a song.’ And I say, ‘No, we won’t sing great. We’ll sing good, but we’ll sing like parents, and we’ll sing together.’”

Their rendition of the Monotones’ 1958 doo-wop classic “The

Book of Love” is among the film’s highlights.

“They kind of talked me into it, and I’m glad that we did it. It worked out,” said Midler, 67. “It’s wonderful music and maybe people will go look up the Monotones and see how fabulous they are.”

Crystal, also a producer of the film, said he uses movies and performing as a means of working through significant chapters of his life. The film “City Slickers” was about him turning 40. His one-man show, “700 Sundays,” is about losing his parents.

“And then this one is about grandparenting,” he said. “I shudder to think what the next one’s about.”

(Actually, he already knows: He’s working on a yet-untitled book of essays — “a man’s approach to aging” — due out in October.)

Midler, who described herself as “just a player for hire” on “Parental Guidance,” said she admires Crystal’s sensibilities, and it was fun to finally work with her friend.

“I like to see people at their peak, people doing their best work and really working hard and bringing things to fruition. It’s just fantastic,” she said. “It’s a hopeful picture, and I like that about him. I like the fact that he has that mentality. So to watch him in action is really a lot of fun.”



Billy Crystal, left, and Bette Midler, cast members in the film “Parental Guidance,” pose together for a portrait at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Los Angeles. Long-time friends Crystal and Midler finally share the screen in “Parental Guidance,” in theaters Christmas Day. (Invision/AP)

SALEM AREA ILLUSTRATED MAP

Local artist Craig Wetzel is the illustrator of our community map highlighting businesses in Salem, Washingtonville, Beloit, Damascus, Hanoverton and Alliance.

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Woman doesn't want to dump male friend

Dear Annie: I have been friends with "Jon" for seven years. For three of those, we dated and lived together. In the end, we decided we didn't work as a couple and decided to remain friends. Jon is rather arrogant, and even though he has always been



Annie's Mailbox

there for me, he also has occasionally taken advantage of our friendship. I began seeing "Dennis" two years ago. At one point, I had problems with him and discussed my relationship with Jon. When I admitted this to Dennis, he became quite angry. I am fairly loyal to my friends and like to see the good side of them, but Dennis doesn't like Jon one bit and has demanded I choose between them.

Annie, I know that at the end of the day my boyfriend is the one I want to be with, but dumping my friendship with Jon is causing me much emotional turmoil. I don't like causing other people pain, and I'm feeling very guilty. Am I doing the right thing? — **Sad and Guilty**
Dear Sad: While we appreciate that Dennis doesn't want you to have a friendship with an old boyfriend (that is really his point), we are not keen on anyone dictating who your friends can be. Tell Dennis that you will cut back on your contact with Jon, and that you promise to stop confiding your relationship troubles to him. Dennis rightly views that as a betrayal. And if you still harbor any romantic feelings for Jon, then you should, in fact, end the friendship.

Dear Annie: Many of our parents and grandparents are aging and have been placed in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities.

As an employee at one of these facilities, I would like to make a suggestion: Many of our residents have clothing that desperately needs to be replaced. It makes me sad when I go through their closets and everything has a hole in the seam or a waistband that is falling apart. Please check the status of your loved one's clothing and replace what needs it.

This brings me to another point. Many people never have visitors, so there is no one to replace their clothing or even to tell about it. It may be something to consider for a community service project to provide new clothing for the residents who are unable to shop for themselves. Useful items include sweaters, sweatshirts, front-button or zipper shirts, pants with an elastic waistband, socks and slip-on or Velcro-strap shoes. Even secondhand clothing would be wonderfully appreciated as long as it is in good repair. Our seniors have paved the way for us, and we should not forget about them. — **A Long-Term Care Employee**

Dear Employee: What a lovely, helpful suggestion. Those who have family in nursing homes should remember to check that their clothing is clean, comfortable and in decent shape. And a community effort to supply such items would be much appreciated and a wonderfully compassionate way to start off the new year.

Dear Annie: I want to say thank you again for helping me last year when I needed brain surgery and was alone. Your readers were wonderful, and I also contacted my family to be there for me — and they all made it. Since the surgery, I have moved in with my father so someone can keep an eye on me. I also have reenergized my faith, and that is really helping.

November was Epilepsy Awareness Month. My grandfather drowned when having a seizure in water, and my brother died after brain surgery. But my mother, sister and nephew are living well with this, as am I. Please help me get the word out that epilepsy can be controlled, and no one should be afraid of it. I am 45 and have dealt with it all my life. — **Omaha**

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

“MISSING PIECE”
By **PANCHO HARRISON**

ACROSS

- 1 Argentine grassland
- 6 Teacher's request
- 11 Cell unit: Abbr.
- 14 Wise words
- 19 Oklahoma natives
- 20 Poetry middle name
- 21 "Double Fantasy" artist
- 22 Pageant accessory
- 23 Item on a resolution list
- 25 Wiggly belt?
- 27 Abate
- 28 Headliner
- 29 Choose to participate
- 30 Dr. concerned with rhythm
- 31 tai
- 33 Some are inflated
- 35 Stick-to-it-iveness
- 40 Listed in England?
- 42 Those, in Tijuana
- 44 Look askance
- 45 __ test
- 47 Flour or sugar, e.g.
- 51 High degrees
- 52 Floride, e.g.
- 53 Desdemona's husband was one
- 54 Stage direction
- 55 One may be coed
- 56 Words to one taking off
- 58 Fictional plantation
- 61 "Madness put to good use": Santayana
- 63 Richard's "Stakeout" co-star
- 64 Blast from the past
- 66 Marcus's partner
- 69 Closet contents, maybe
- 70 Classic comedy duo
- 73 Snacks in shells
- 75 Jet-setter's transport, perhaps
- 77 Dutch painter of "The Cat Family"
- 78 Blessing elicitor
- 79 Deal with, as thirst
- 82 Andean ancient
- 83 Trailing
- 84 Baseball family name

- 87 Prefix meaning "vinegar"
- 89 Further
- 91 Supermodel
- 92 Sastre
- 92 Pueblo Revolt tribe
- 93 Sucker that debuted in 1931
- 96 M.I.T. grad, often
- 97 Opposed
- 99 Splendor
- 100 "I have no idea"
- 102 It's often between two periods
- 105 Tiff
- 107 Ready, as a keg
- 108 But, to Brutus
- 111 Brink
- 113 Pablo __ y
- 115 Picasso
- 115 Plant with stickers
- 117 '60s-'70s compact resurrected in 2012
- 121 Vigorous effort
- 123 Use 121-Across on
- 124 Path to enlightenment

- 125 Notre Dame's river
- 126 River frolicker
- 127 Wimbledon courts, in essence
- 128 Cockpit calc.
- 129 Vampire's undoing
- 130 Oscar winner
- Witherspoon

DOWN

- 1 Got set for a shot?
- 2 Fragrant extract
- 3 Yellowstone bellow
- 4 Latino Muppet prawn
- 5 Took over
- 6 __ Paulo
- 7 Yellowstone buglers
- 8 A-list
- 9 Got by
- 10 Captivate
- 11 Spell-casting art
- 12 Not up to it
- 13 "Cape Fear" actor
- 14 Really hard to hum along to

- 15 Bad-mouth
- 16 "That's the spot!"
- 17 Miracle-__
- 18 Use the feed bag
- 24 Assigner of G's and F's
- 26 Teddies and such
- 32 Data
- 34 Fill to the bursting point
- 36 Fixture in many an office hallway
- 37 Digging
- 38 Sch. staffer
- 39 Polite rural affirmative
- 40 Tyke
- 41 Very affected handle?
- 43 Without
- 45 __ energy
- 46 Fang
- 48 Toothbrush
- 49 Home-school link: Abbr.
- 50 1974 title role for Dustin
- 52 Henry James biographer
- Leon

- 53 Alley Oop's kingdom
- 57 Infomercial cutter
- 59 Nutritional stds.
- 60 " __ a stinker?": Bugs Bunny line
- 62 Church pledge
- 65 Site of a Biblical plot
- 67 In need of a massage
- 68 Midday event
- 70 Baccarat call
- 71 One may include a walk-off homer
- 72 Like pre-digital recordings
- 74 Fixes the fairway, say
- 76 Made tidy
- 78 Blood typing letters
- 80 Bus. driver?
- 81 URL opener
- 84 Cries of discovery
- 85 It means nothing at Arthur Ashe Stadium
- Go on first

- 88 Bolivian bears
- 90 Tea serving?
- 94 Dazzle
- 95 Scout shirt feature
- 96 Largest penguin
- 98 Breaks off
- 101 In-flight beverage?
- 103 It doesn't last
- 104 White-plumed wader
- 106 Long bone
- 108 Condition
- 109 "It's nobody __ business"
- 110 Caterpillar rival
- 112 Mount near Catania
- 114 Doze, with "out"
- 116 Head of France?
- 117 High-speed PC connection
- 118 Andean tuber
- 119 Daily newspaper index
- 120 Piece that can follow the ends of the nine longest puzzle answers
- 122 Pint-size

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Film fans hand Hollywood record cash

By **DAVID GERMAIN**

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — The big deal for Hollywood is not the record \$10.8 billion that studios took in domestically in 2012. It's the fact that the number of tickets sold went up for the first time in three years.

Thanks to inflation, revenue generally rises in Hollywood as admission prices climb each year. The real story is told in tickets, whose sales have been on a general decline for a decade, bottoming out in 2011 at 1.29 billion, their lowest level since 1995.

The industry rebounded this year, with ticket sales projected to rise 5.6 percent to 1.36 billion by Dec. 31, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com. That's still well below the modern peak of 1.6 billion tickets sold in 2002, but in an age of cozy home theater setups and endless entertainment gadgets, studio executives consider it a triumph that they were able to put more butts in cinema seats this year than last.

"It is a victory, ultimately," said Don Harris, head of distribution at Paramount Pictures. "If we deliver the product as an industry that people want, they will want to get out there. Even though you can sit at home and watch something on your large screen in high-

def, people want to get out." Domestic revenue should finish up nearly 6 percent from 2011's \$10.2 billion and top Hollywood's previous high of \$10.6 billion set in 2009.

The year was led by a pair of superhero sagas, Disney's "The Avengers" with \$623 million domestically and \$1.5 billion worldwide and the Warner Bros. Batman finale "The Dark Knight Rises" with \$448 million domestically and \$1.1 billion worldwide. Sony's James Bond adventure "Skyfall" is closing in on the \$1 billion mark globally, and the list of action and family-film blockbusters includes "The Hunger Games," "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part Two," "Ice Age: Continental Drift," "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted," "The Amazing Spider-Man" and "Brave."

Before television, movies were the biggest thing going, with ticket sales estimated as high as 4 billion a year domestically in the 1930s and '40s.

Movie-going eroded steadily through the 1970s as people stayed home with their small screens. The rise of videotape in the 1980s further cut into business, followed by DVDs in the '90s and big, cheap flat-screen TVs in recent years. Today's video games, mobile phones and other portable devices

also offer easy options to tramping out to a movie theater.

It's all been a continual drain on cinema business, and cynics repeatedly predict the eventual demise of movie theaters. Yet Hollywood fights back with new technology of its own, from digital 3-D to booming surround-sound to the clarity of images projected at high-frame rates, which is being tested now with "The Lord of the Rings" prelude "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," shown in select theaters at 48 frames a second, double the standard speed.

For all of the annoyances of theaters — parking, pricy concessions, sitting next to strangers texting on their iPhones — cinemas still offer the biggest and best way to see a movie.

"Every home has a kitchen, but you can't get into a good restaurant on Saturday night," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros. "People want to escape. That's the nature of society. The adult population just is not going to sit home seven days a week, even though they have technology in their home that's certainly an improvement over what it was 10 years ago. People want to get out of the house, and no matter what they throw in the face of theatrical exhibi-

tion, it continues to perform at a strong level."

Even real-life violence at the movie theater didn't turn audiences away. Some moviegoers thought twice about heading to the cinema after a gunman killed 12 people and injured 58 at a screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Colorado last summer, but if there was any lull in attendance, it was slight and temporary. Ticket sales went on a tear for most of the fall.

While domestic revenues inch upward most years largely because of inflation, the real growth areas have been overseas, where more and more fans are eager for the next Hollywood blockbuster.

Rentrak, which compiles international box office data, expects 2012's foreign gross to be about \$23 billion, 3 percent higher than in 2011. No data was yet available on the number of tickets sold overseas this past year.

International business generally used to account for less than half of a studio film's overall receipts. Films now often do two or even three times as much business overseas as they do domestically. Some movies that were duds with U.S. audiences, such as " Battleship" and "John Carter," can wind up being \$200 million hits with overseas crowds.

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Kate Winslet weds for the third time

NEW YORK (AP) — Kate Winslet has tied the knot again.

The Oscar-winning actress wed Ned Rocknroll in New York earlier this month. The private ceremony was attended by Winslet's two children as well as a few friends and family members, her representative said Thursday.

It is the third marriage for the 37-year-old Winslet. She was previously married to film directors Jim Threapleton and Sam Mendes.

The 34-year-old Rocknroll, who was born Abel Smith, is a nephew of billionaire Virgin Group founder Richard Branson.

The couple had been engaged since last summer.

Winslet won a Best Actress Oscar for her performance in the 2008 film "The Reader."

KOL drummer, wife welcome baby girl

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Kings of Leon family has just gotten bigger.

Drummer Nathan Followill and his wife, singer-songwriter Jessie Baylin, welcomed a baby girl on Wednesday. It's the first baby for the couple and the third for the Followill family band. Nathan Followill's brother Caleb and cousin Matthew also have children.

A spokesman says Violet Marlowe Followill was born at 4:01 p.m. in Nashville. She was 7 pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

The baby comes before what promises to be a busy 2013 for Kings of Leon. The Nashville, Tenn.-based band has been working on new music for an album that's expected to be released next year. Baylin released her third album, "Little Spark," earlier this year.

The couple has been married since 2009.

'Thunderbirds' creator dead at 83

LONDON (AP) — Gerry Anderson, puppetry pioneer and British creator of the sci-fi hit "Thunderbirds" TV show, has died. He was 83.

Anderson's son Jamie said his father died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday at a nursing home near Oxfordshire, England, after being diagnosed with mixed dementia two years ago.

Anderson's television career launched in the 1950s. Once "Thunderbirds" aired in the 1960s, "Thunderbirds are go!" became a catchphrase for generations. It also introduced the use of "supermarionation" — a puppetry technique using thin wires to control marionettes — and made sci-fi mainstream, according to Jamie Anderson.

year or a bad one, Hollywood executives always look ahead to better days, insisting that the next crop of blockbusters will be bigger than ever. The same goes this time as studio bosses hype their 2013 lineup, which includes the latest "Iron Man," "Star Trek," "Hunger Games" and "Thor" installments, the Superman tale "Man of Steel" and the second chapter in "The Hobbit" trilogy.

Twelve months from now, they hope to be talking about another revenue record topping this year's \$10.8 billion.

"I've been saying we're going to hit that \$11 billion level for about three years now," said Paul Dergarabedian, a box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "Next year I think is the year we actually do it."

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Rating: GOLD

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